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the **AMAZING SPIDER-MAN**

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**ONE OF THE
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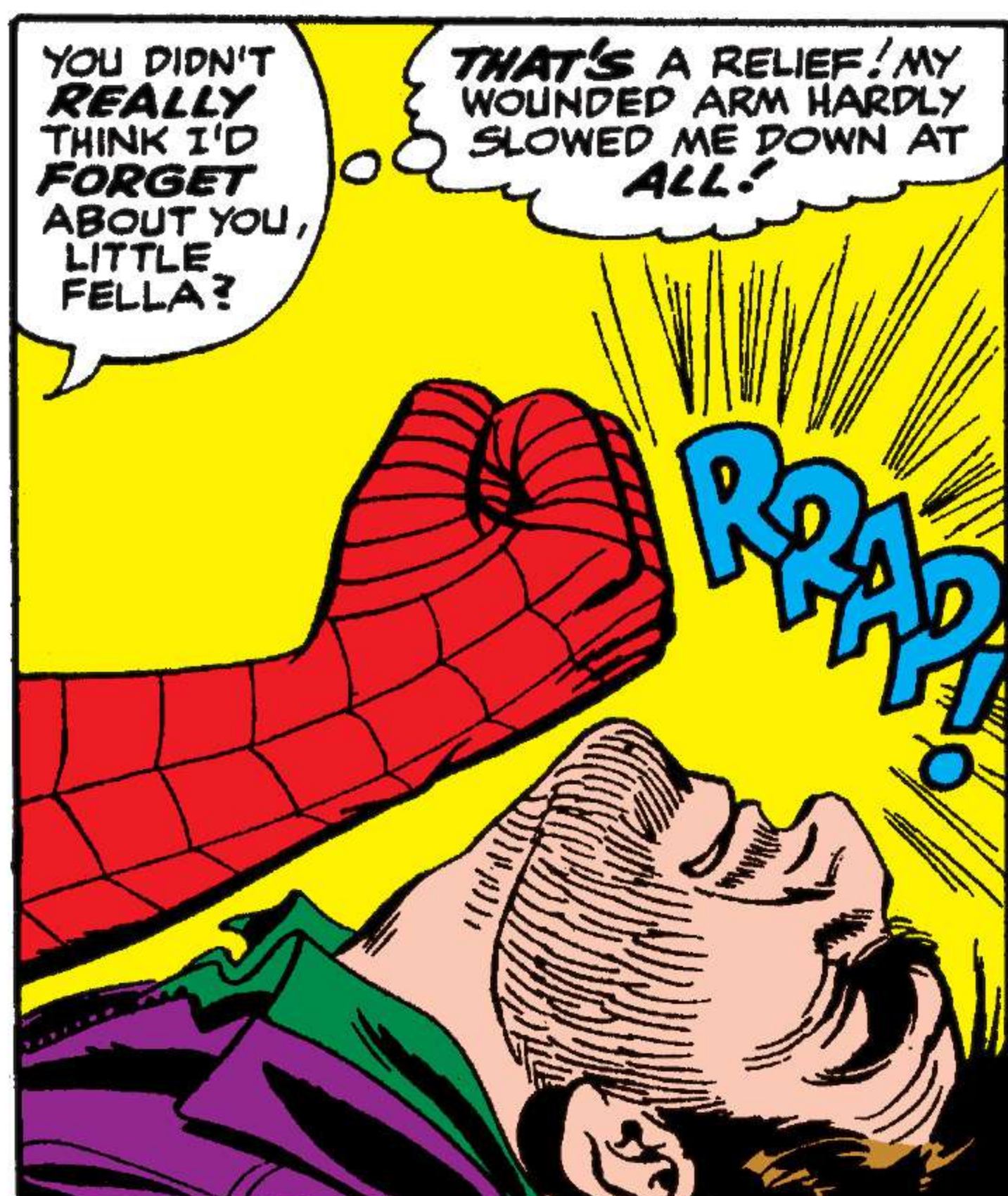
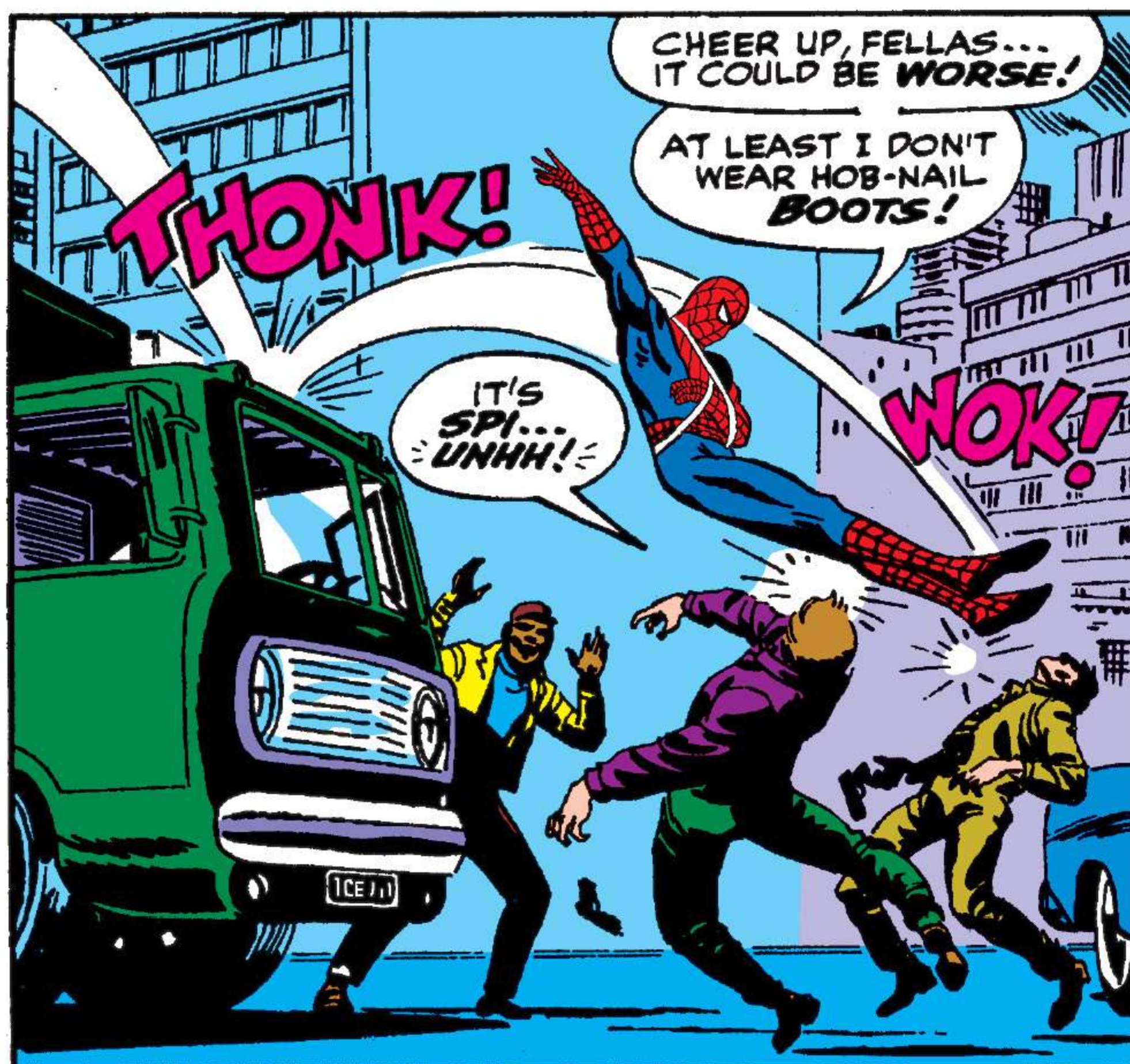
LAST TIME WE FOUGHT, I WASN'T ABLE TO STOP THE LIZARD WITH **BOTH** ARMS... SO NOW MY TASK WILL BE **TWICE** AS DANGEROUS! BUT... I'VE GOT TO **TRY!**

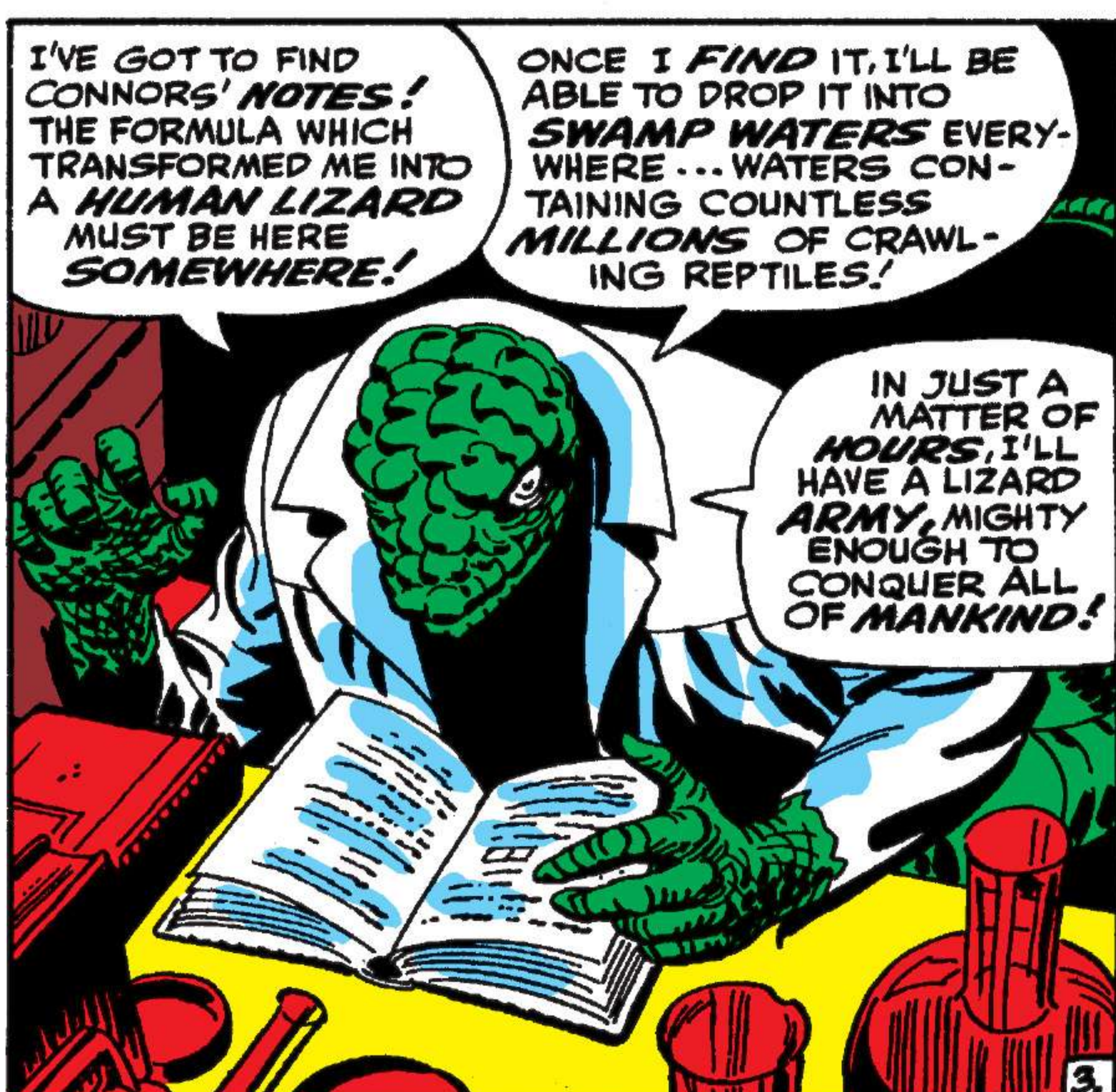
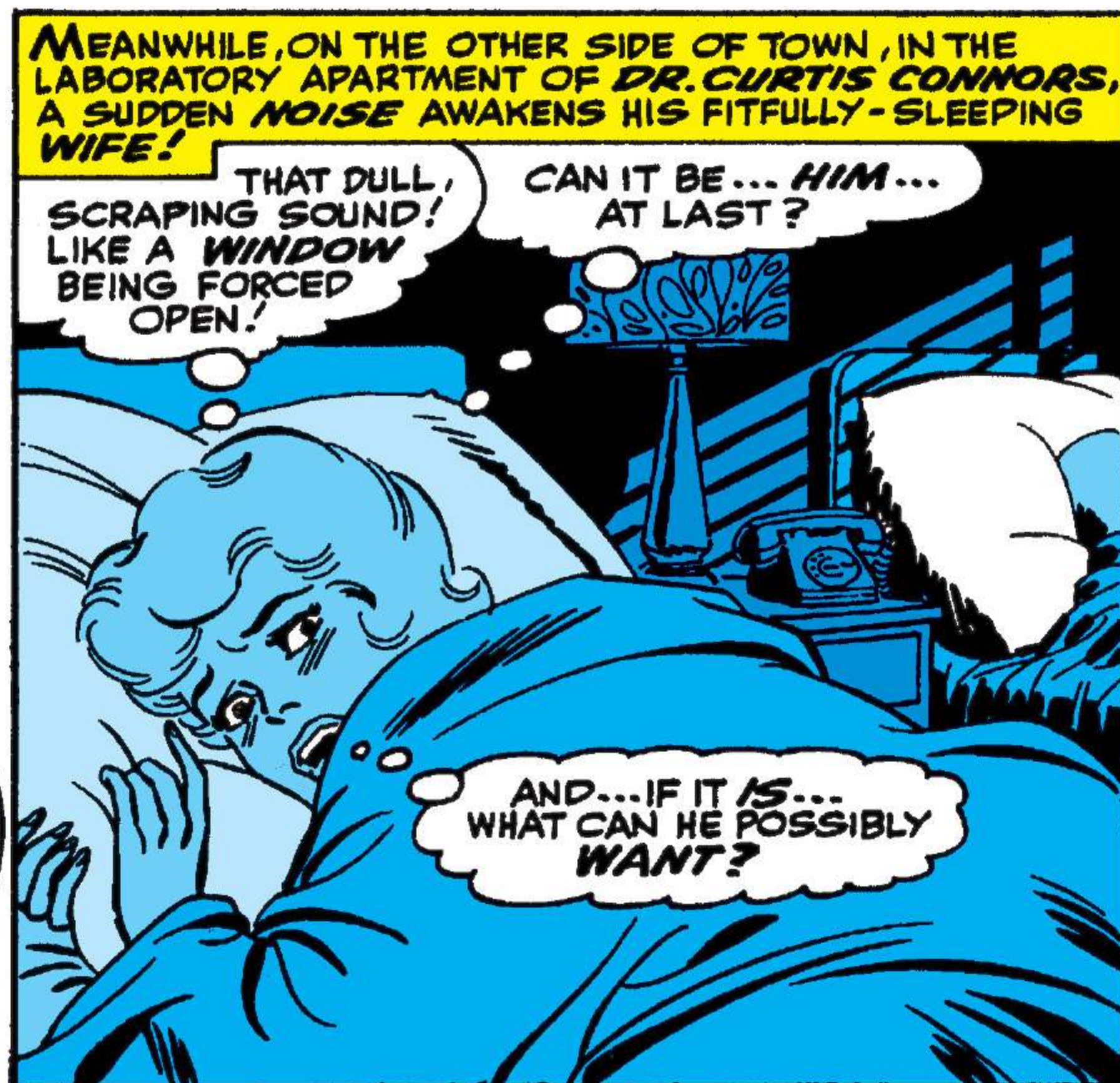
LAST ISH, WE SAW OUR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD **SPIDER-MAN** INJURE HIS ARM WHILE BATTLING THE DEADLY **LIZARD!** BUT, WITH HIS **SUPER-POWERED** FOE STILL AT LARGE, HOPING TO POPULATE THE ENTIRE **WORLD** WITH AN ARMY OF GIANT LIZARDS, **SPIDEY** KNOWS HE DARE NOT REMAIN HOME NURSING HIS WOUND... NO MATTER **WHAT!**

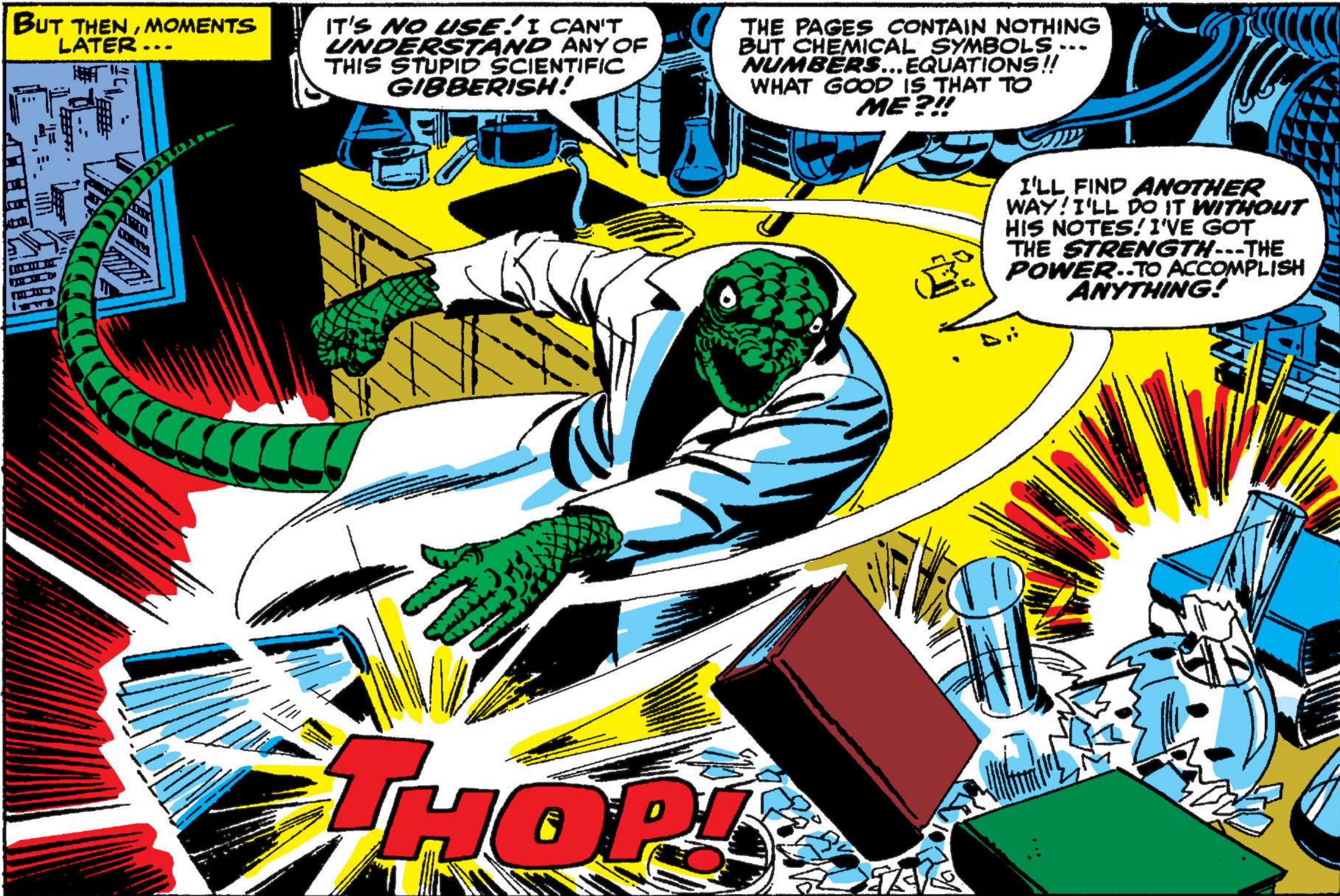
THAT **NOISE...** FROM AROUND THE CORNER! SOUNDS LIKE **TROUBLE!**

SKREEE!

STAN (THE MAN) LEE... ^AJOHN (RING-A-DING) ROMITA
ADVENTURE IN AGONIZING ACTION
LETTERING - SAM ROSEN... ^{WEB -}UNTANGLING - IRV FORBUSH







THE NEXT MORNING, AT THE OFFICE OF THE DAILY BUGLE, WE FIND...

THINGS ARE PRETTY **SLOW** RIGHT NOW...SO THIS IS MY CHANCE TO ASSUME THE IDENTITY OF **PATCH**, THE UNDERWORLD INFORMER, AND KEEP MY EYE ON **PETER PARKER**!

I'VE GOT TO LEARN HOW HE MANAGES TO GET SO MANY EXCLUSIVE PHOTOS OF **SPIDER-MAN**!

FOSWELL!

WHERE IN BLUE BLAZES DO YOU THINK **YOU'RE** GOING?

I'M NOT RUNNIN' A BLASTED TRAVEL AGENCY AROUND HERE!

I JUST THOUGHT I'D MOSEY AROUND TOWN, MR. JAMESON, AND SEE IF I COULD PICK UP SOME **LEADS** ON A NEW STORY!

FORGET IT, MISTER! THE **LIZARD** WAS SIGHTED LAST NIGHT! SEE WHAT YOU CAN DIG UP ABOUT **HIM**!

WELL, THAT TAKES CARE OF **THAT**! I'LL HAVE TO PUT OFF TAILING PARKER TILL SOME **OTHER TIME**!

DON'T JUST **STAND THERE!** GET **GOING**!

WHAT'S WITH **YOU** TWO, AGAIN?? HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVETA **TELL** YOU TO MAKE YOUR **BLAMED WEDDING PLANS** ON YOUR **OWN TIME**??!

SORRY, J.J.... BUT IT WAS **BETTY'S COFFEE BREAK**, SO WE THOUGHT...

I'LL DO THE THINKING HERE! DOESN'T **ANYONE** DO A FULL DAY'S **WORK** ANY MORE?

BUT, IT'S **NED'S COFFEE BREAK**, ALSO!

THAT **SINKS** IT! THE WHOLE **WORLD** IS AGAINST ME!

I WORK MY **FINGERS** TO THE BONE, KEEPING THIS NEWSPAPER TOGETHER... JUST TO PROVIDE **JOBS** FOR EVERYONE... AND **THAT'S** THE THANKS I GET FOR IT!

IT'S LIKE I ALWAYS **SAY**.. EVERYONE TAKES **ADVANTAGE** OF ME BECAUSE I'M TOO **SOFT-HEARTED**!

THE OLD HYPOCRITE! HE MEANS **SOFT-HEADED**!

HUSH, DARLING! WE CAN'T AFFORD TO BE FIRED **NOW**.. BEFORE OUR **WEDDING**!

NOW, BACK TO OUR LIST.. WE'LL HAVE TO INVITE **PETER PARKER**...

BUT, AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME, MISTER PARKER HAS **OTHER**, LESS ROMANTIC MATTERS TO CONCERN HIM...

I'VE PROVEN THAT I **CAN** HANDLE MYSELF IN A FIGHT...EVEN WITH **ONE** ARM...BUT NOW I'VE **ANOTHER** PROBLEM..

SO WHAT'LL HAPPEN WHEN **PETER PARKER** IS SEEN AROUND TOWN **ALSO** SPORTING HIS WING IN A SLING?

EVERYONE **KNOWS** THAT **SPIDER-MAN** HAS AN INJURED LEFT ARM...

MAYBE I CAN **FAKE** IT, BY KEEPING MY HAND IN MY **POCK...OWW!** NO..IT'S TOO **PAINFUL**!

THE **HECK** WITH IT! A FELLA HAS TO TAKE **SOME** CHANCES! I'LL JUST **BLUFF** MY WAY THROUGH!

WHY SHOULD ANYONE TRY TO CONNECT **ME** WITH **SPIDEY**? I COULD HAVE HURT **MY** ARM ON **MY CYCLE**!

THAT'S **IT**! **THAT'S** THE EXCUSE I'LL USE!

ANY-THING'S BETTER THAN HIDING INDOORS LIKE A **COWARD**!

I'LL HAVE TO GRAB A **BUS** THIS MORNING! CAN'T USE MY WHEELS WITH ONLY ONE HAND!

BOY, MARY JANE WILL **FLIP** WHEN SHE SEES HOW **ZINGY** IT LOOKS SINCE I PAINTED IT **RED**!

LATER, AT THE CAMPUS OF GOOD OL' E.S.U...

WILLYA LOOK AT **THAT**, HARRY! IT'S **PUNY PARKER**, WITH HIS ARM IN A SLING!

JUST MY LUCK! THE FIRST JOKER I RUN INTO HAS TO BE **FLASH THOMPSON**! OH WELL...

WHATCHA TRYIN' TO DO, USELESS...? MAKE US THINK YOU'RE **SPIDER-MAN**?

IF HE IS, HE'S SURE DOING IT THE **HARD WAY**!

VER-RY FUNNY, GROUP! ALMOST AS FUNNY AS SPRAINING YOUR ARM WHILE DRIVING A **CYCLE**!

AWW, DON'T BE **ANGRY**, PETE! I **FIGURED** THAT MUST BE WHAT HAPPENED!

THAT'S WHAT YOU **GET** FOR RIDING THAT THING, SON! A CHARACTER LIKE **YOU** BELONGS ON A **TRICYCLE**!

WHEW! IT WENT EASIER THAN I EXPECTED! I SHOULD HAVE **KNOWN** THEY'D NEVER LINK ME WITH **SPIDEY**!



SEE YA AROUND, GUYS! I'M GONNA GRAB A CUP OF JAVA WITH GWEN!

SPEAKING OF GWEN, PETE.. SHE'S THROWING A PARTY FOR FLASH WHEN HE GETS HIS INDUCTION NOTICE! SHE ASKED ME TO INVITE YOU!

SURE, I'LL BE GLAD TO COME! FLASH ISN'T REALLY AS BAD AS HE SOUNDS!

BUT, TELL ME SOMETHING, HARRY..



HOW COME GWEN DIDN'T ASK ME HERSELF?

LET'S FACE IT, SON... YOU HAVEN'T BEEN AROUND THAT MUCH SINCE MARY JANE MADE THE SCENE!

OH...I...I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT!



BUT, IT'S NOT JUST MARY JANE'S FAULT...SENDING MY AUNT MAY AWAY FOR A VACATION TOOK ALL THE MONEY I HAD...AND I'VE BEEN KEEPING KIND'A BUSY TRYING TO SELL JAMESON SOME NEW PIX!

MEANING TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THAT, PETE!

Y'KNOW MY DAD'S A CHEMIST, AND HE CAN USE A BRAINY SCIENCE MAJOR AS A PART-TIME HELPER!

THAT'S DARN NICE OF YOU, HARRY! I'LL REALLY THINK ABOUT IT!

NO RUSH, FELLA! WHENEVER YOU'RE READY, SAY THE WORD!



I'D SURE LIKE TO TAKE HARRY'S DAD UP ON THAT... BUT, I'VE TOO MANY THINGS TO TAKE CARE OF FIRST!

I'LL BET I DON'T SEE MARY JANE NEARLY AS MUCH AS GWEN THINKS I DO!

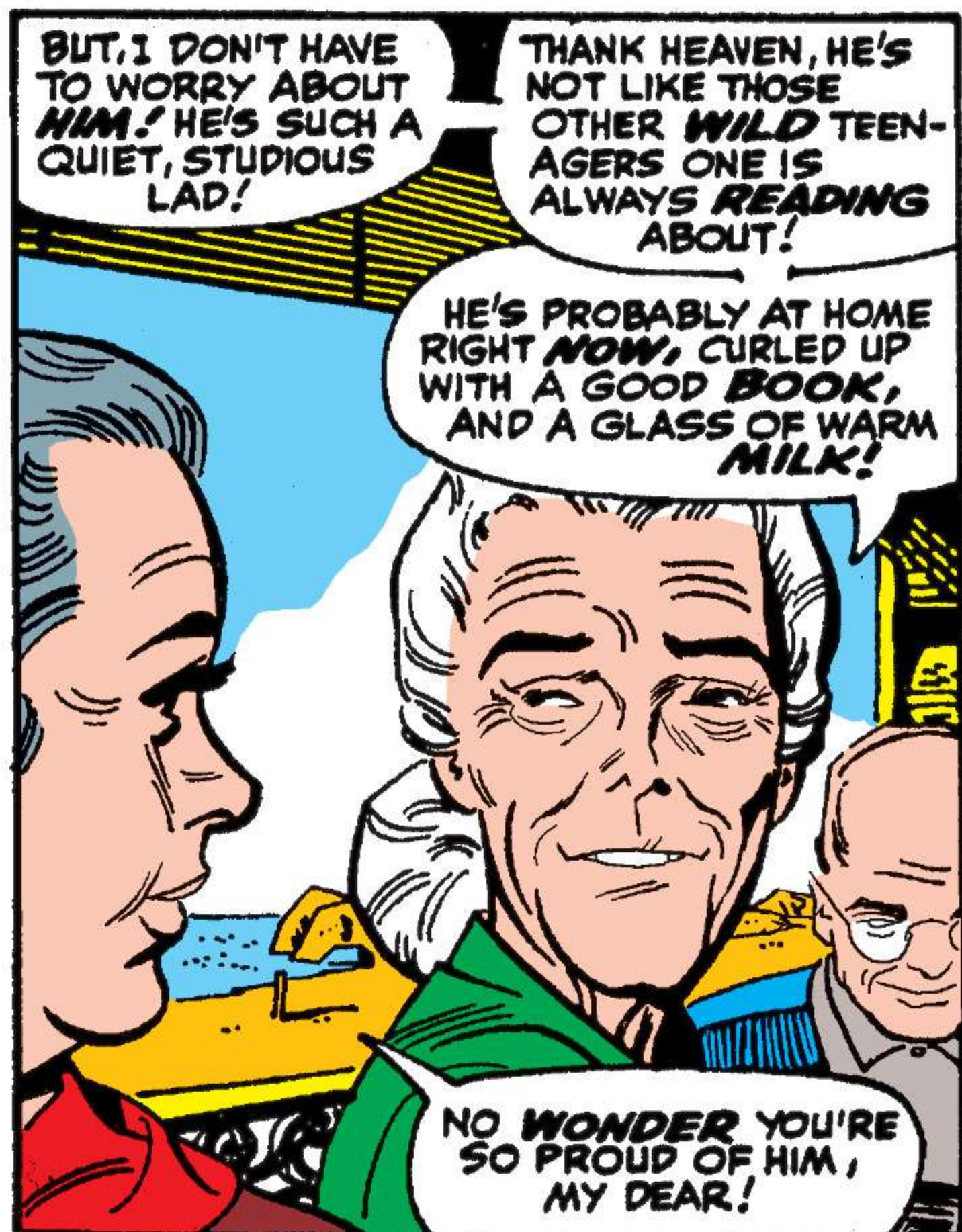
IT'S FUNNY THE WAY I KEEP THINKING OF GWEN, EVEN THOUGH I'VE NEVER REALLY DATED HER! MARY JANE ALWAYS SEEMS TO POP UP BETWEEN US!



YOU'RE FROM NEW YORK CITY, AREN'T YOU, MRS. PARKER?

IT MUST BE TERRIBLE LIVING THERE WITH CREATURES LIKE THE LIZARD STILL AT LARGE!

OH DEAR! MY NEPHEW, PETER, IS THERE RIGHT NOW, HE'S A FRESHMAN AT E.S.U.!

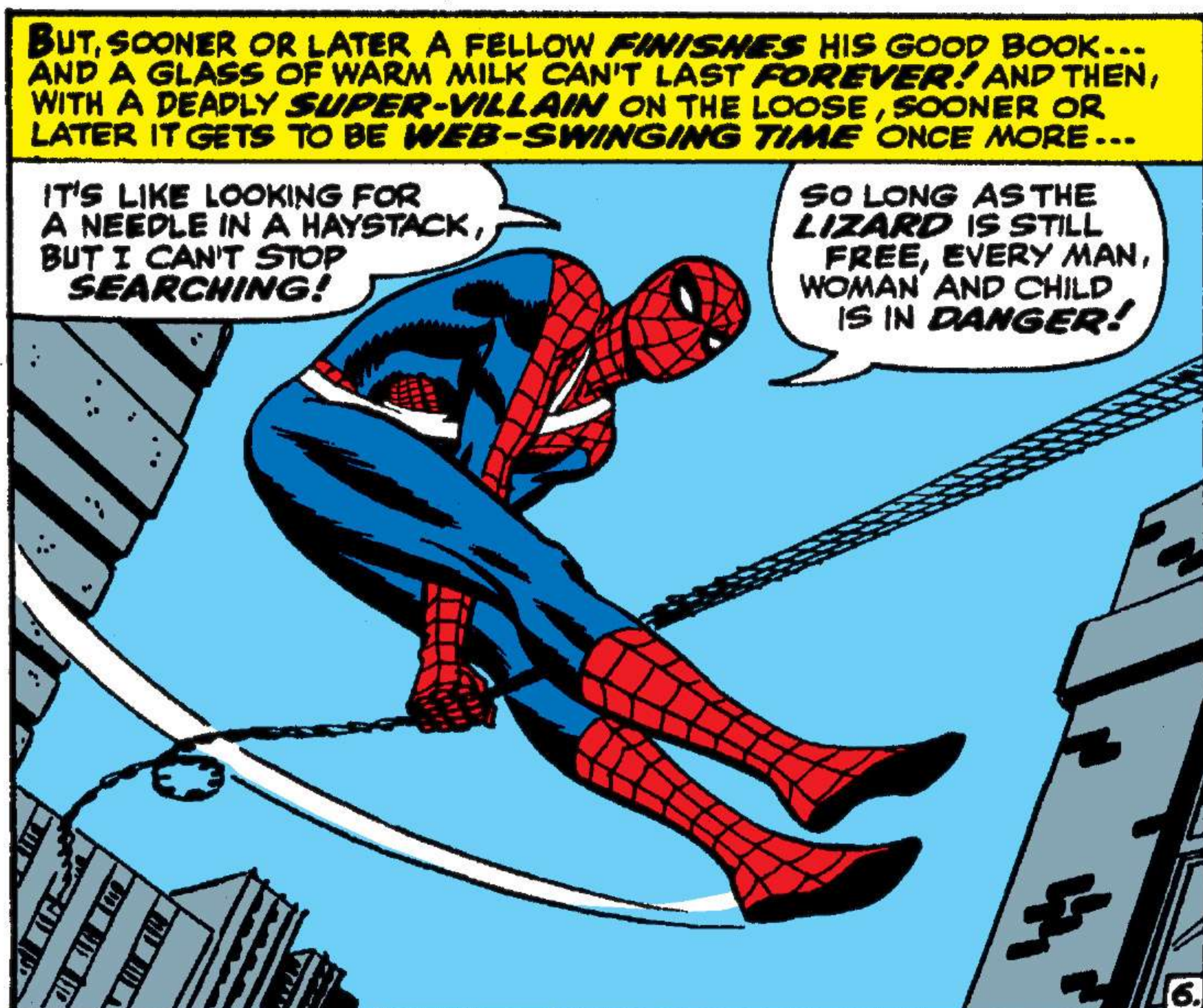


BUT, I DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT HIM! HE'S SUCH A QUIET, STUDIOUS LAD!

THANK HEAVEN, HE'S NOT LIKE THOSE OTHER WILD TEEN-AGERS ONE IS ALWAYS READING ABOUT!

HE'S PROBABLY AT HOME RIGHT NOW, CURLED UP WITH A GOOD BOOK, AND A GLASS OF WARM MILK!

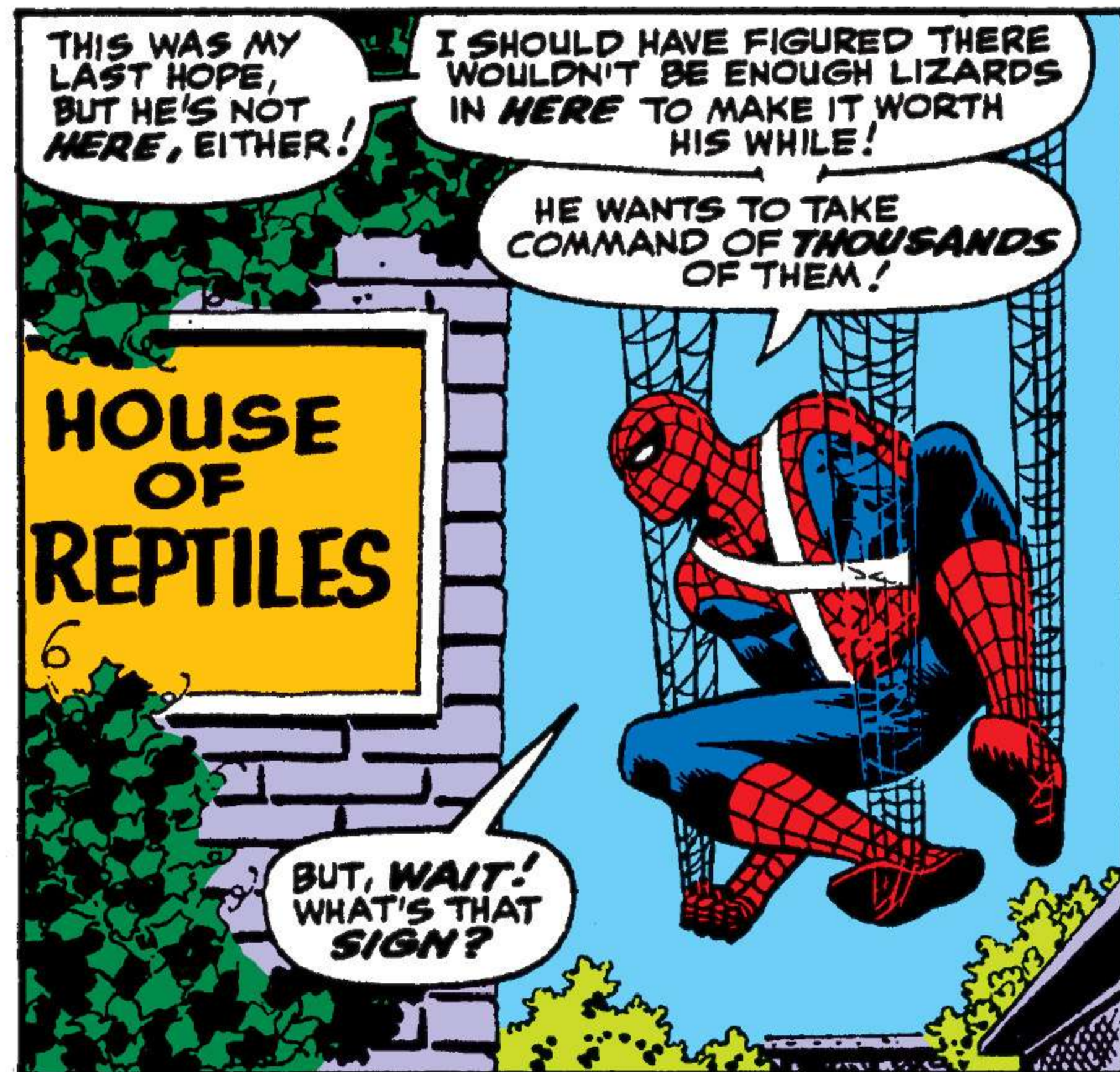
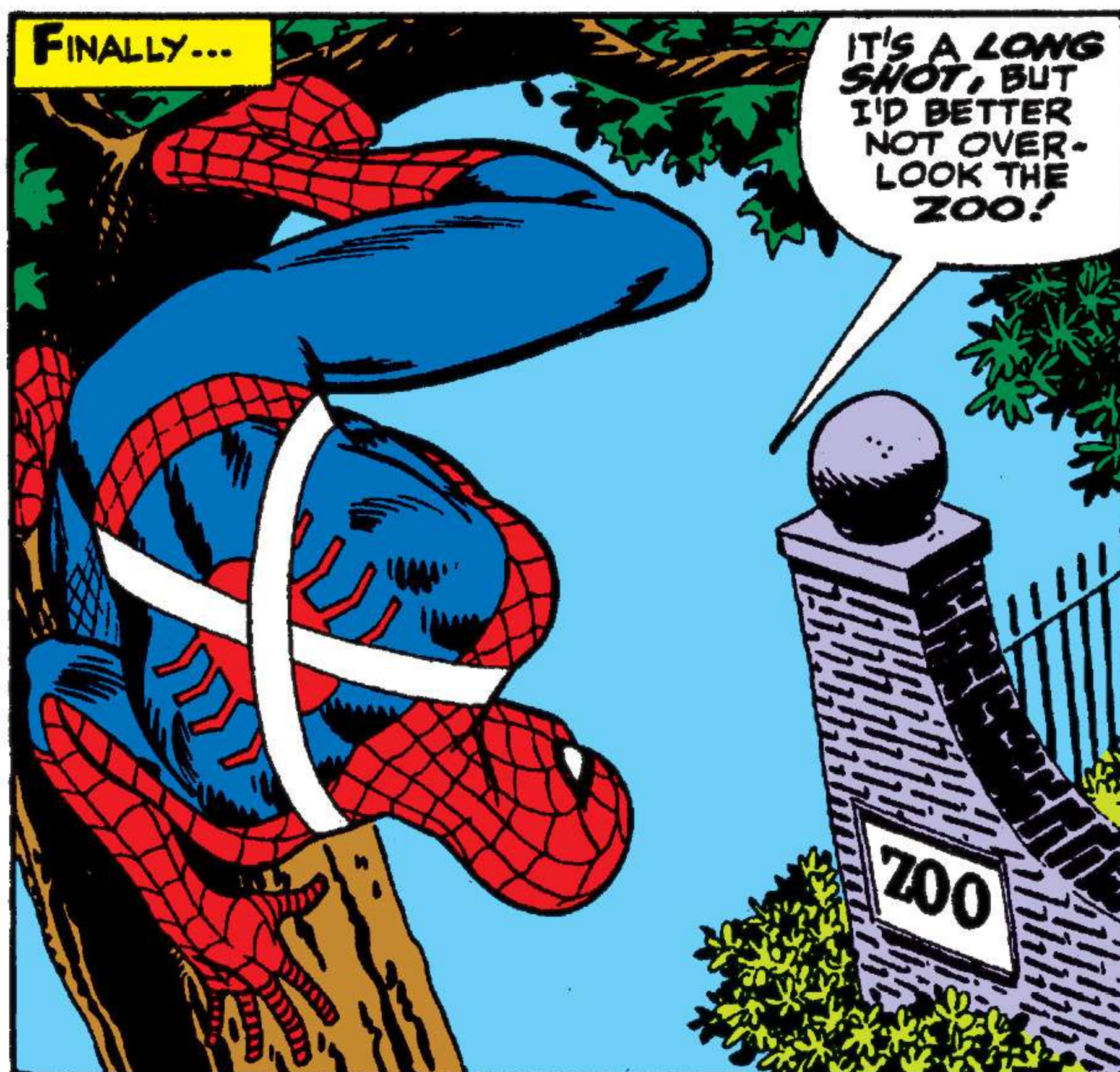
NO WONDER YOU'RE SO PROUD OF HIM, MY DEAR!

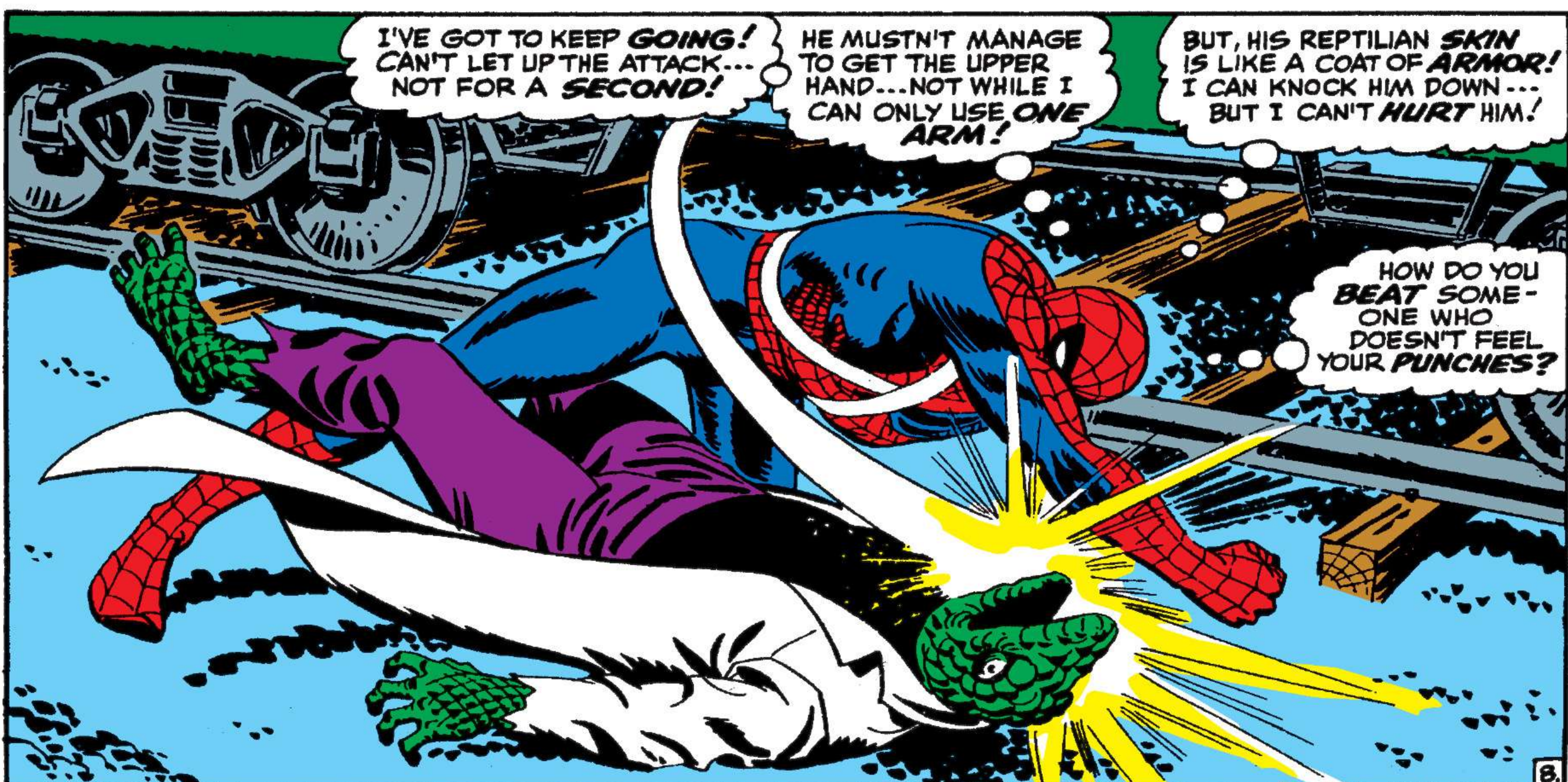
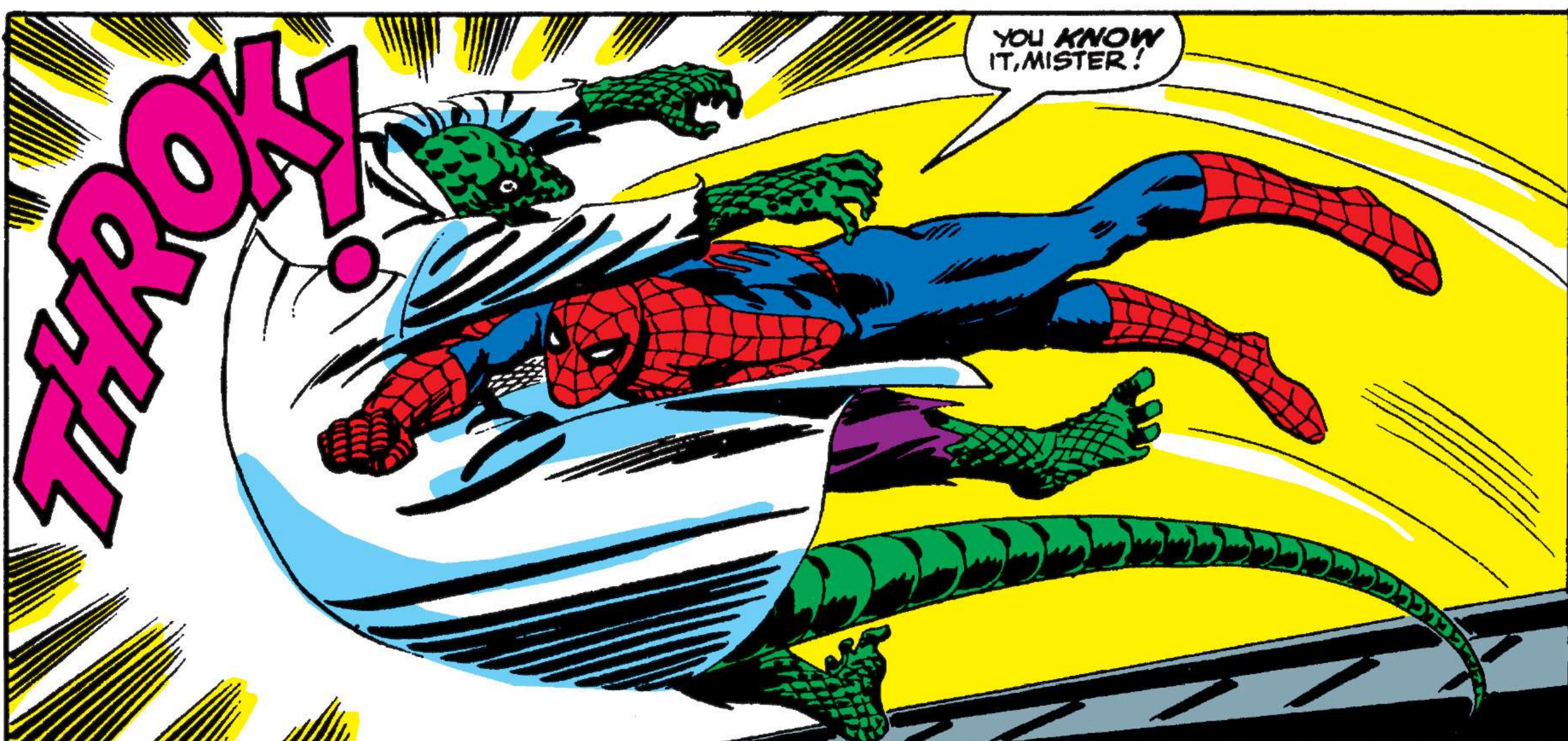
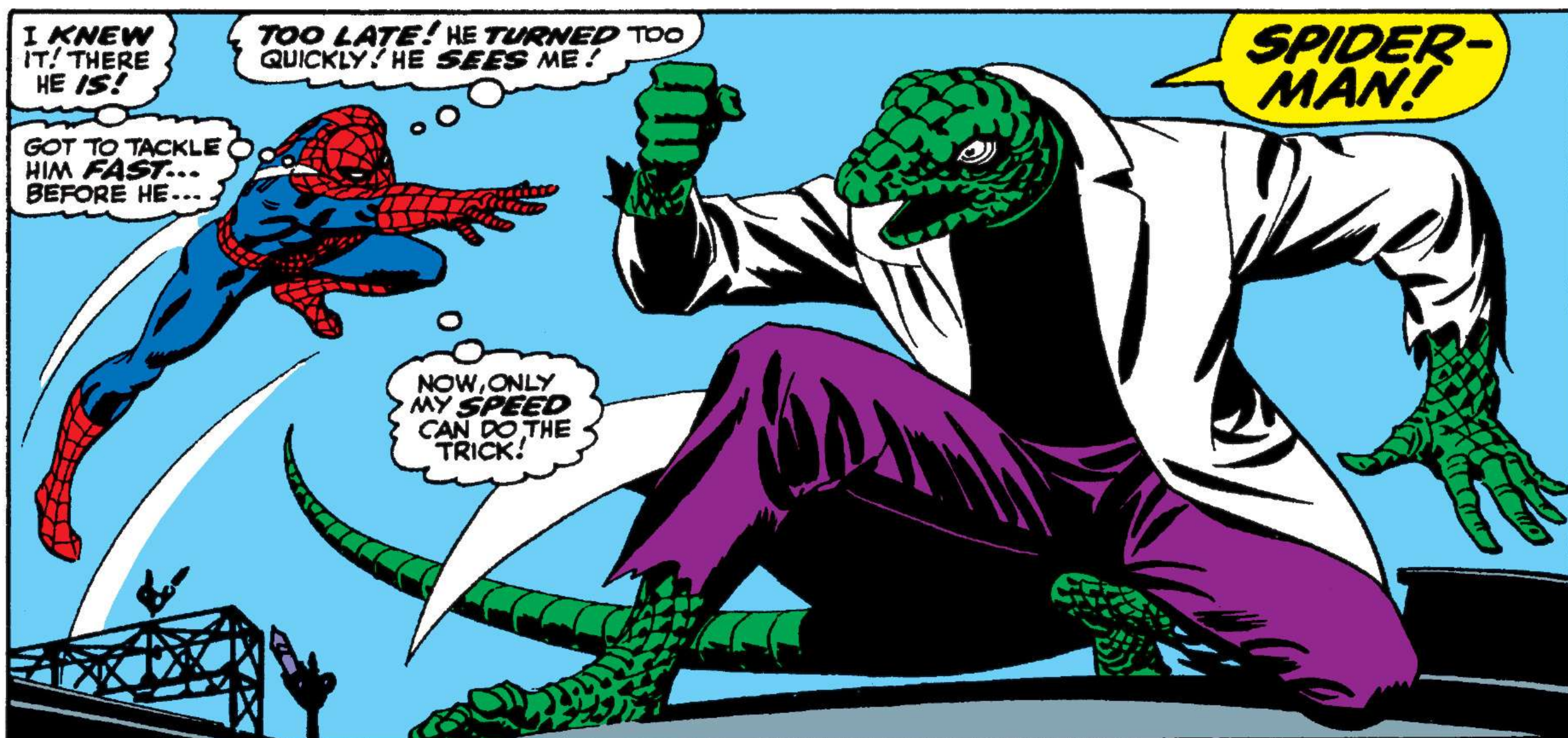


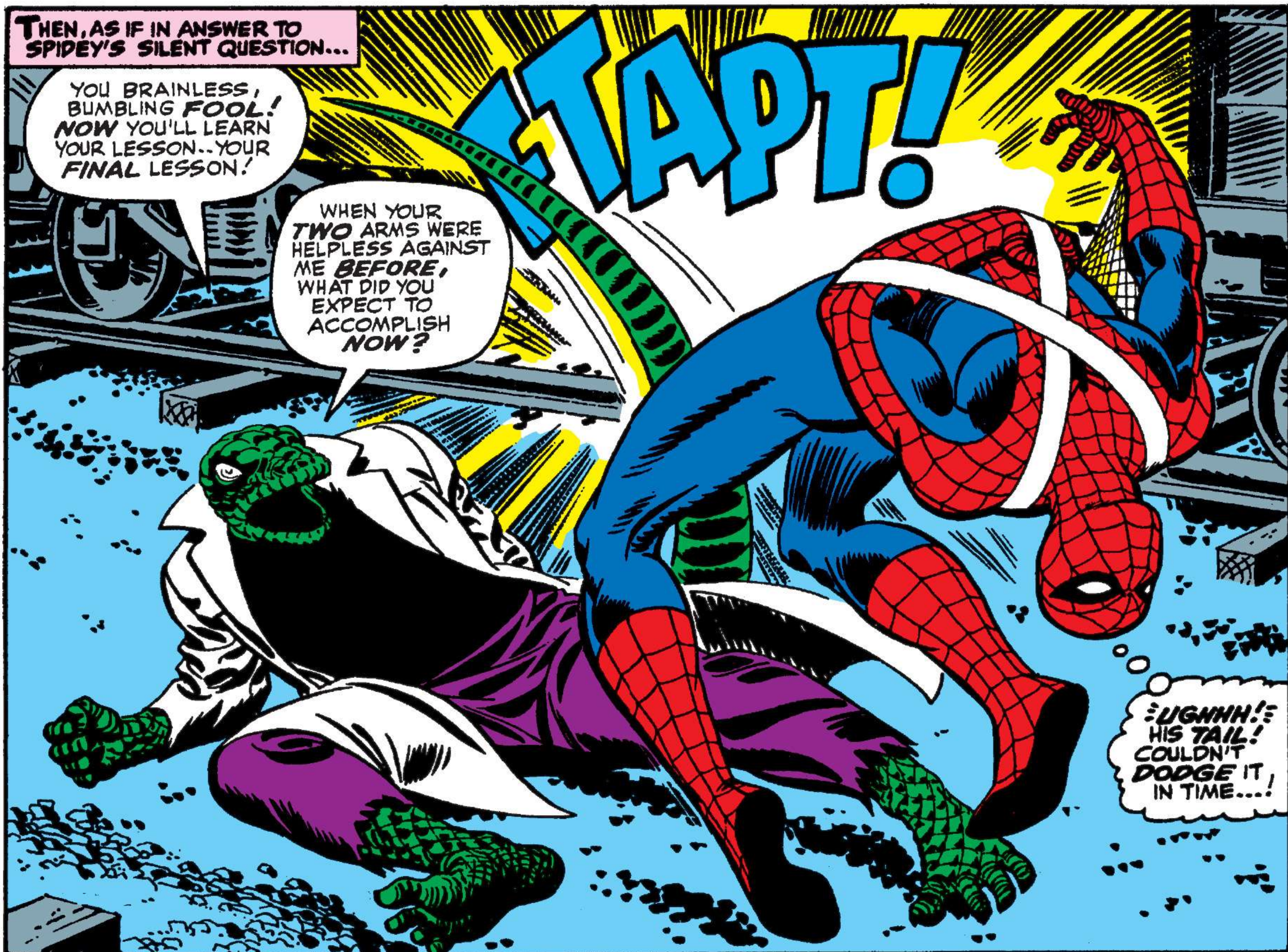
BUT, SOONER OR LATER A FELLOW FINISHES HIS GOOD BOOK... AND A GLASS OF WARM MILK CAN'T LAST FOREVER! AND THEN, WITH A DEADLY SUPER-VILLAIN ON THE LOOSE, SOONER OR LATER IT GETS TO BE WEB-SWINGING TIME ONCE MORE...

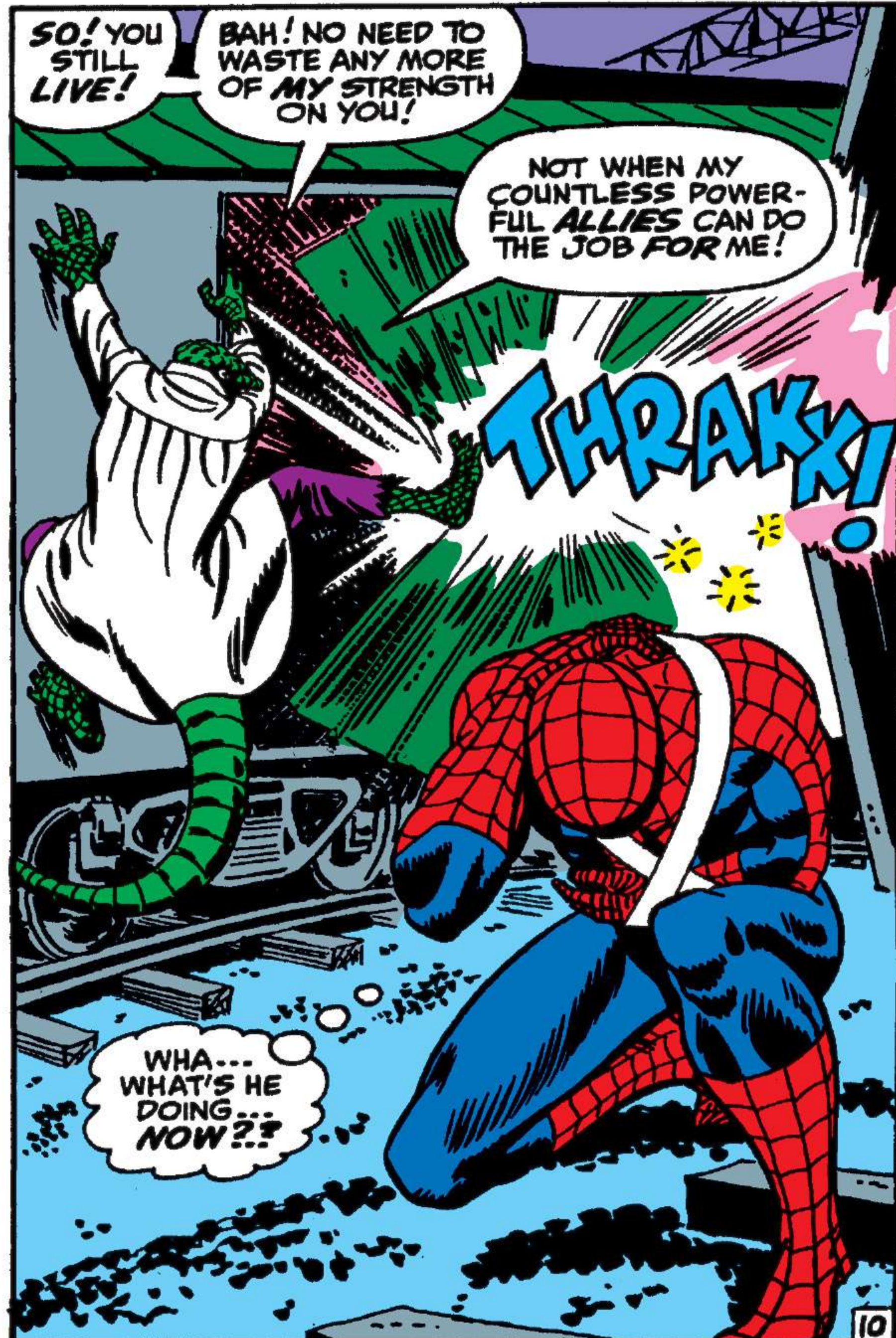
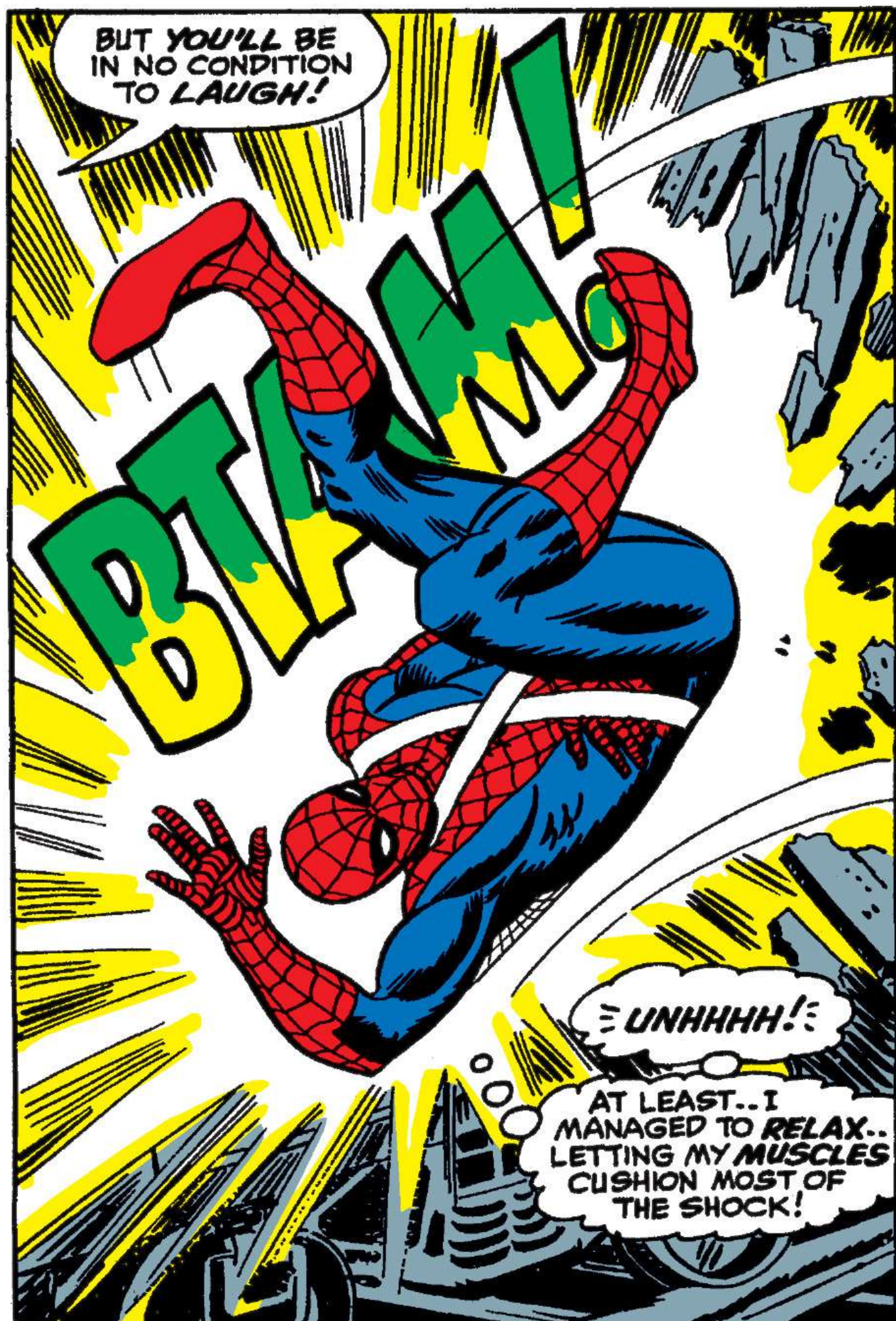
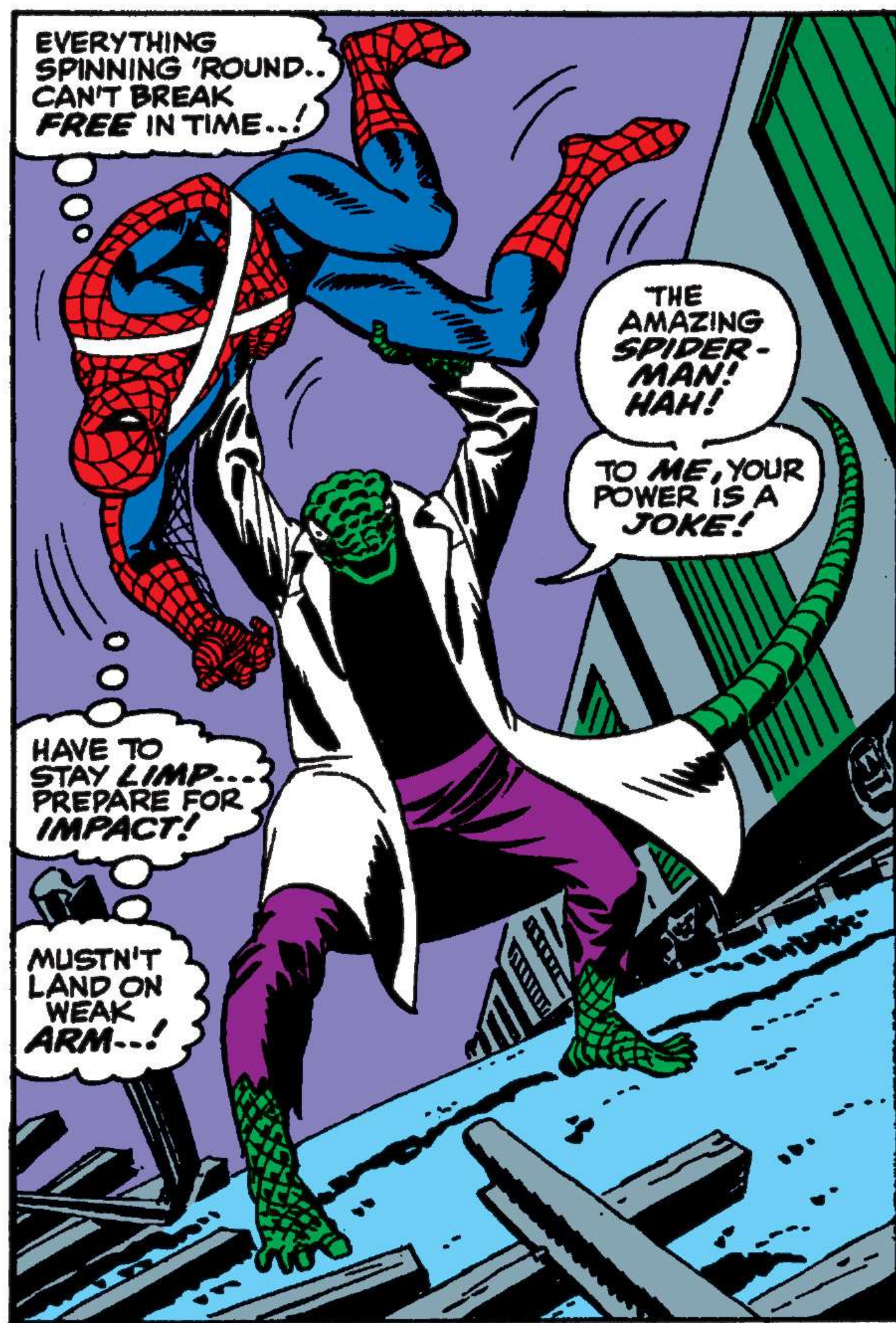
IT'S LIKE LOOKING FOR A NEEDLE IN A HAYSTACK, BUT I CAN'T STOP SEARCHING!

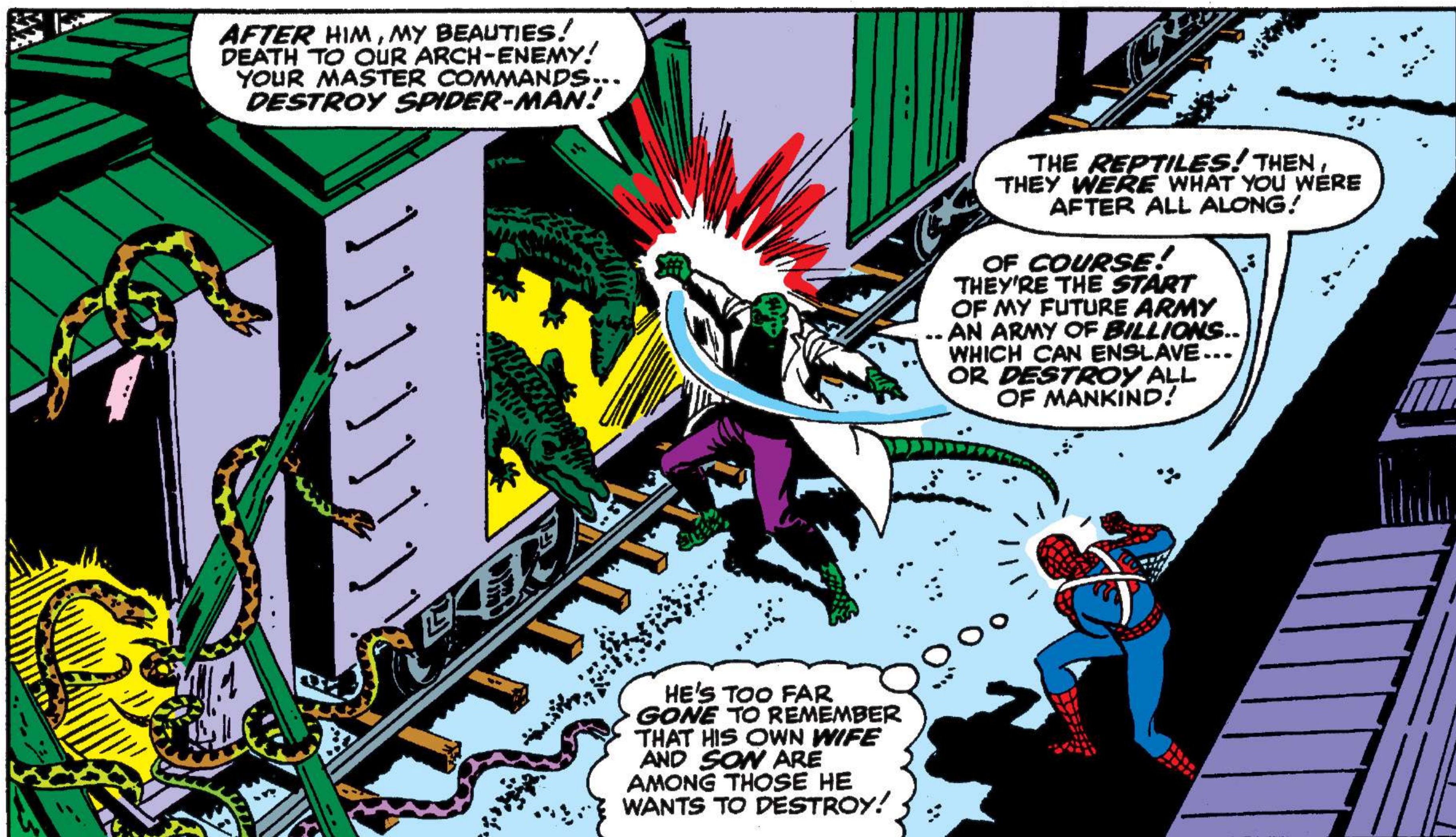
SO LONG AS THE LIZARD IS STILL FREE, EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD IS IN DANGER!











AFTER HIM, MY BEAUTIES!
DEATH TO OUR ARCH-ENEMY!
YOUR MASTER COMMANDS...
DESTROY SPIDER-MAN!

THE **REPTILES!** THEN,
THEY **WERE** WHAT YOU WERE
AFTER ALL ALONG!

OF **COURSE!**
THEY'RE THE **START**
OF MY FUTURE **ARMY**...
AN ARMY OF **BILLIONS**...
WHICH CAN ENSLAVE...
OR **DESTROY** ALL
OF MANKIND!

HE'S TOO FAR
GONE TO REMEMBER
THAT HIS OWN **WIFE**
AND **SON** ARE
AMONG THOSE HE
WANTS TO DESTROY!



BUT, I'VE NO TIME TO WORRY ABOUT
THAT NOW! I'VE ONLY GOT **SECONDS**
TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO **HANDLE** ALL
THIS... AND SAVE **MYSELF!**

HIS POWER IS **UNCANNY!**
THE REPTILES ACTUALLY **OBEY**
HIM! NO **WONDER** HE THINKS
HIS INSANE PLAN CAN
SUCCEED!

HE IS OUR **ENEMY!** WE
WILL NEVER BE SAFE SO
LONG AS **SPIDER-MAN**
LIVES! **ATTACK HIM!**
ATTACK! HE CANNOT
ESCAPE US **ALL!**

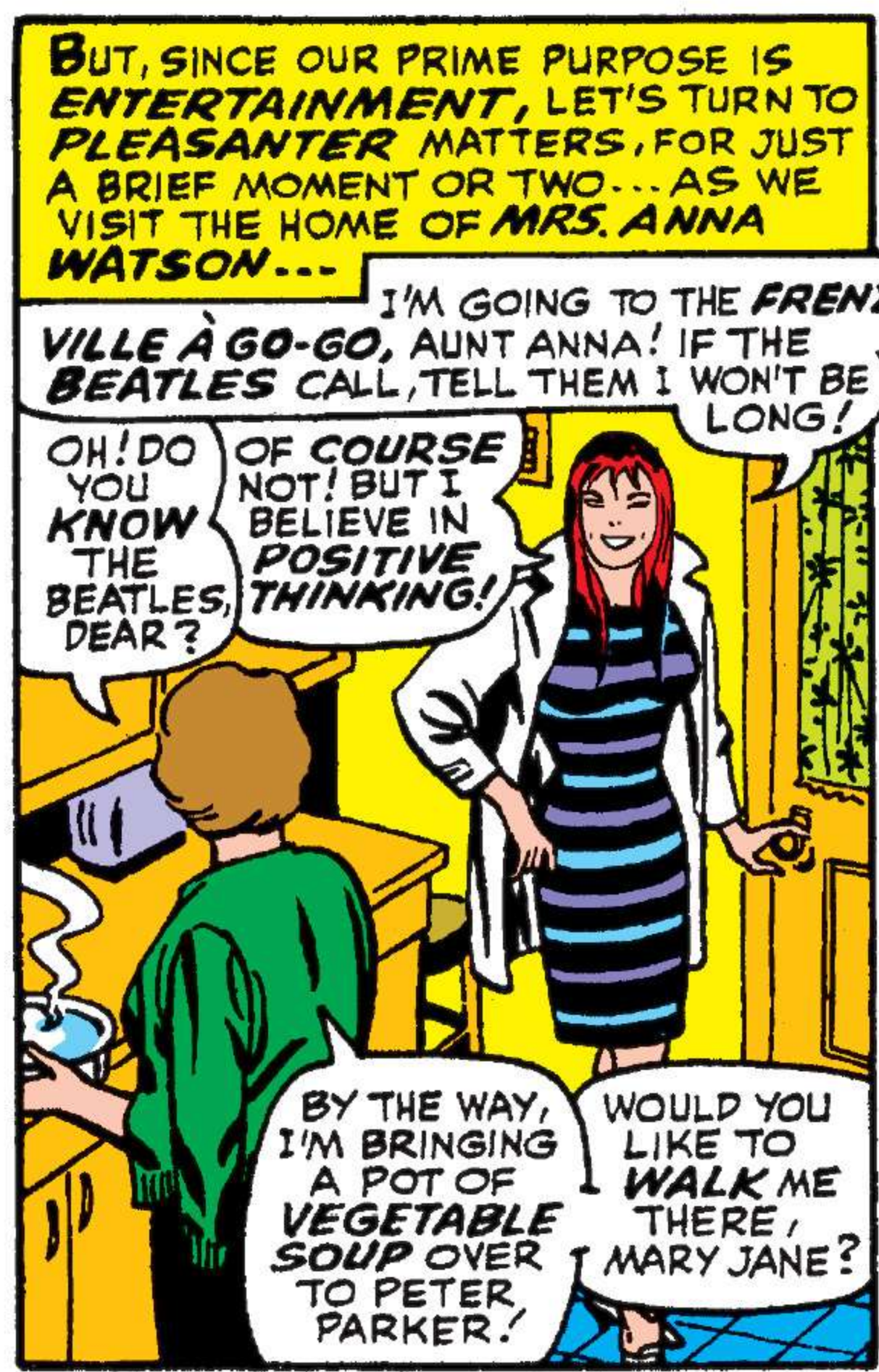


THE CROC IS CLOSEST TO ME... I CAN TAKE CARE OF HIM BY WEBBING HIS JAWS SHUT!

BUT, THERE'S NOT ENOUGH WEB FLUID IN THE WORLD TO STOP THEM ALL!

FASTER! ATTACK HIM FASTER!

OVERWHELM HIM BY SHEER FORCE OF NUMBERS! SPIDER-MAN MUST DIE!



BUT, SINCE OUR PRIME PURPOSE IS ENTERTAINMENT, LET'S TURN TO PLEASANTER MATTERS, FOR JUST A BRIEF MOMENT OR TWO... AS WE VISIT THE HOME OF MRS. ANNA WATSON...

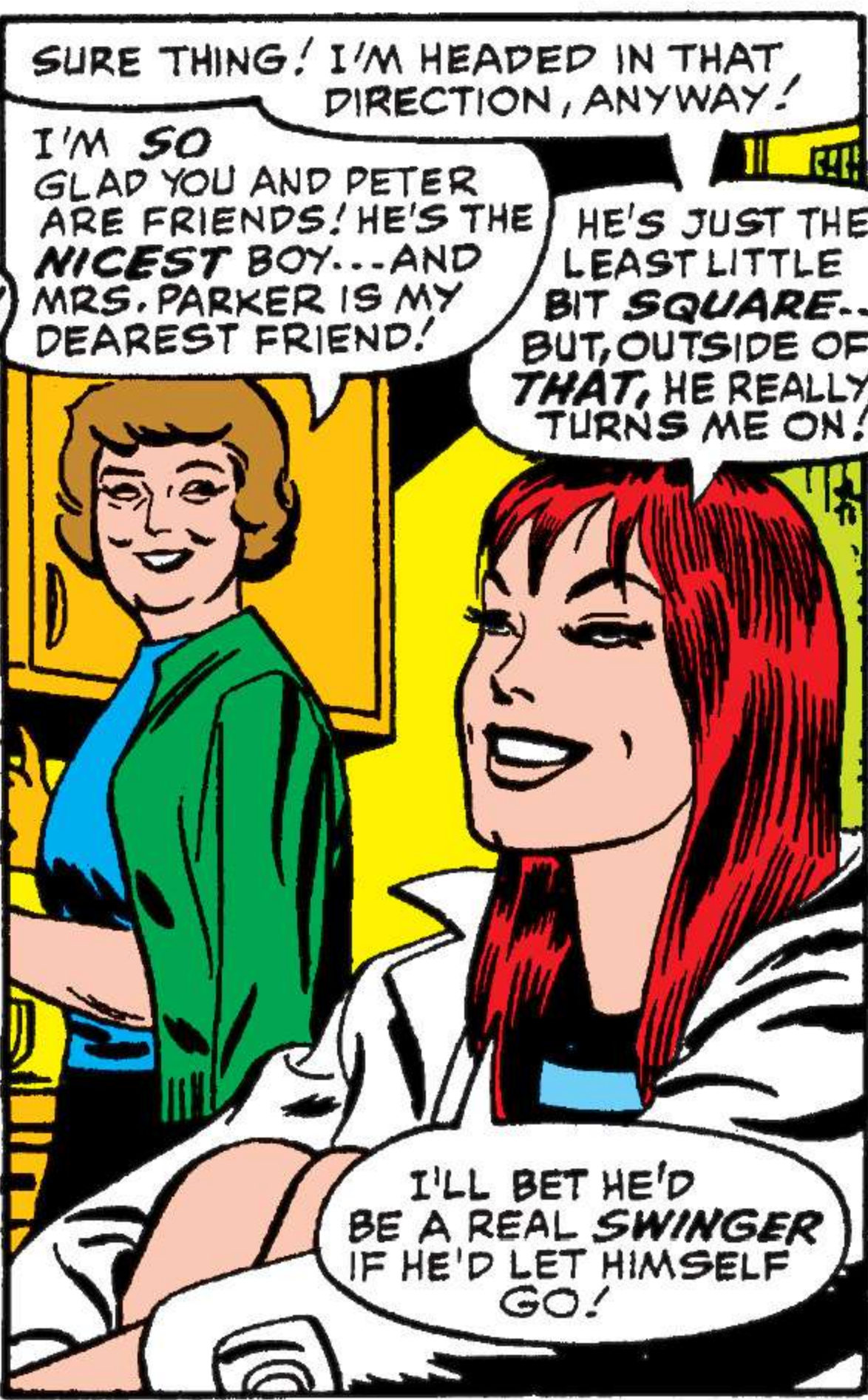
I'M GOING TO THE FRENZY VILLE À GO-GO, AUNT ANNA! IF THE BEATLES CALL, TELL THEM I WON'T BE LONG!

OH! DO YOU KNOW THE BEATLES, DEAR?

OF COURSE NOT! BUT I BELIEVE IN POSITIVE THINKING!

BY THE WAY, I'M BRINGING A POT OF VEGETABLE SOUP OVER TO PETER PARKER!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO WALK ME THERE, MARY JANE?



SURE THING! I'M HEADED IN THAT DIRECTION, ANYWAY!

I'M SO GLAD YOU AND PETER ARE FRIENDS! HE'S THE NICEST BOY... AND MRS. PARKER IS MY DEAREST FRIEND!

HE'S JUST THE LEAST LITTLE BIT SQUARE... BUT, OUTSIDE OF THAT, HE REALLY TURNS ME ON!

I'LL BET HE'D BE A REAL SWINGER IF HE'D LET HIMSELF GO!



HOWEVER, A FEW MINUTES LATER...

THAT'S STRANGE! THERE'S NO ONE HOME! I DIDN'T THINK HE WAS THE TYPE TO GO OUT AT NIGHT!

WHY NOT? HE WALKS... HE BREATHEES, DOESN'T HE?

WELL, I'VE GOTTA DASH NOW, AUNT ANNA!

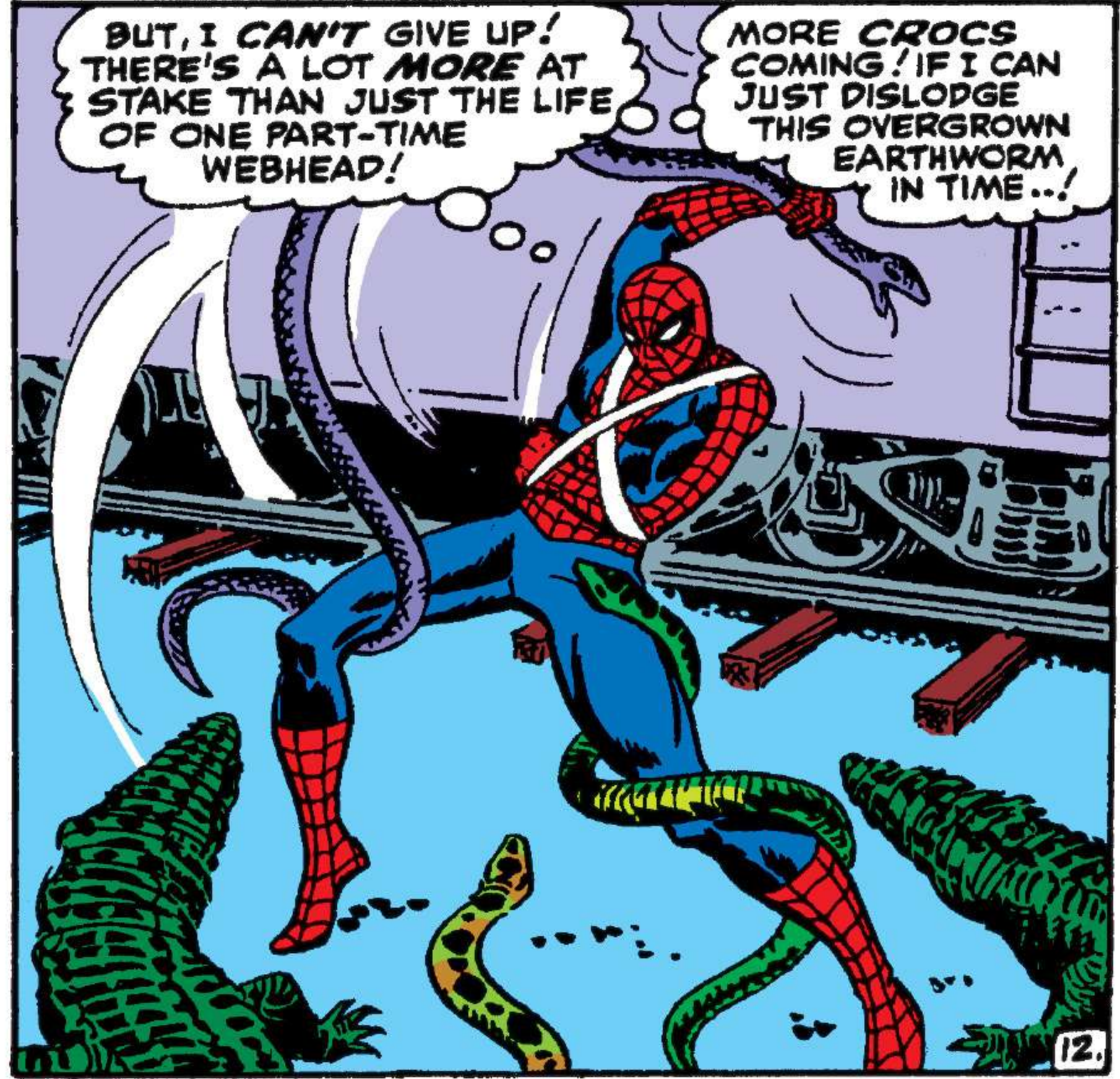
IF I RUN INTO HIM AT THE DISKO, I'LL TELL HIM WHAT HE MISSED!



BUT, THE WAY THINGS LOOK RIGHT NOW, PETER PARKER WOULD PROBABLY BE THE LAST ONE MARY JANE, OR ANYBODY, WOULD RUN INTO AT A DISCOTHEQUE...

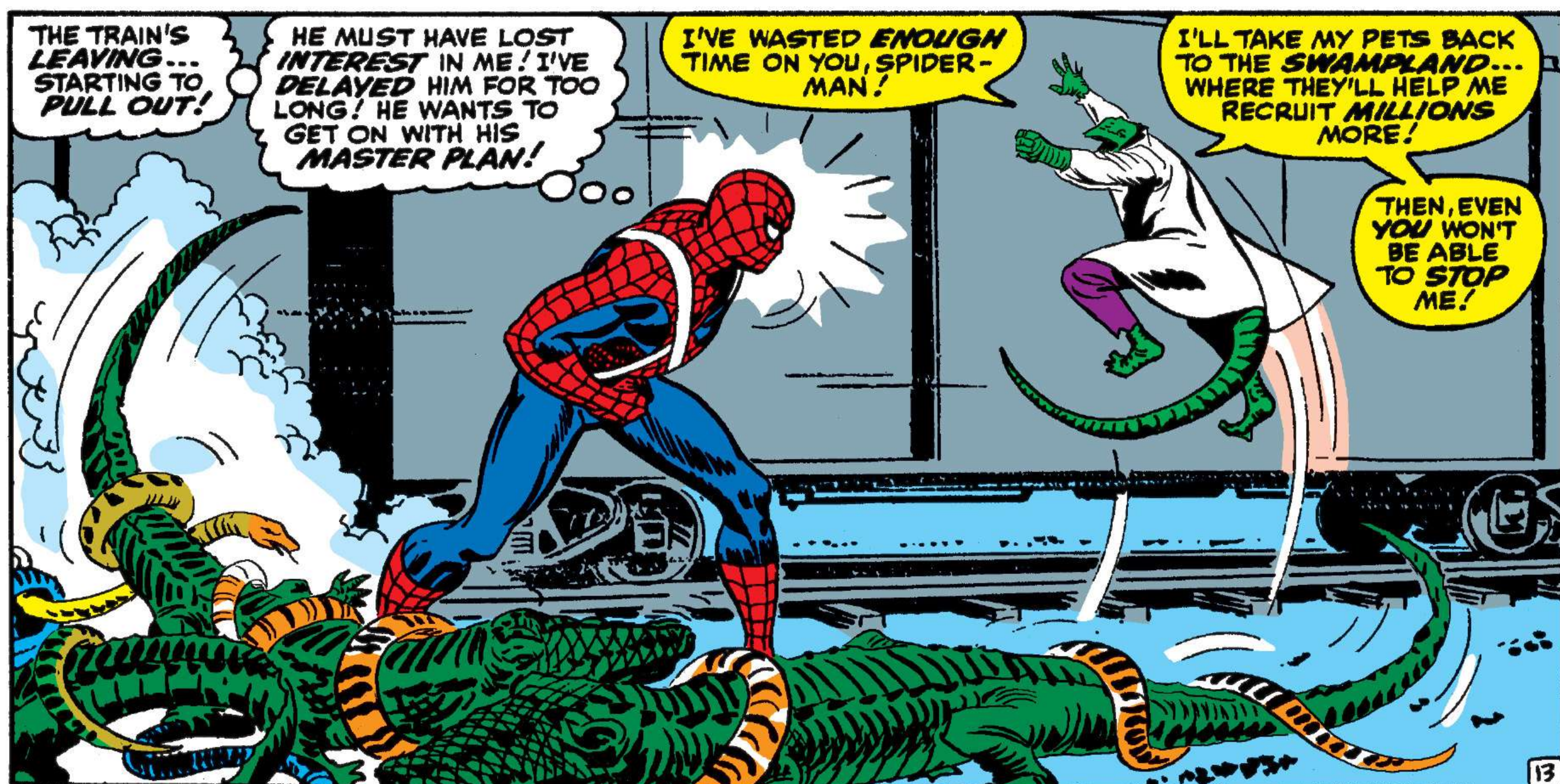
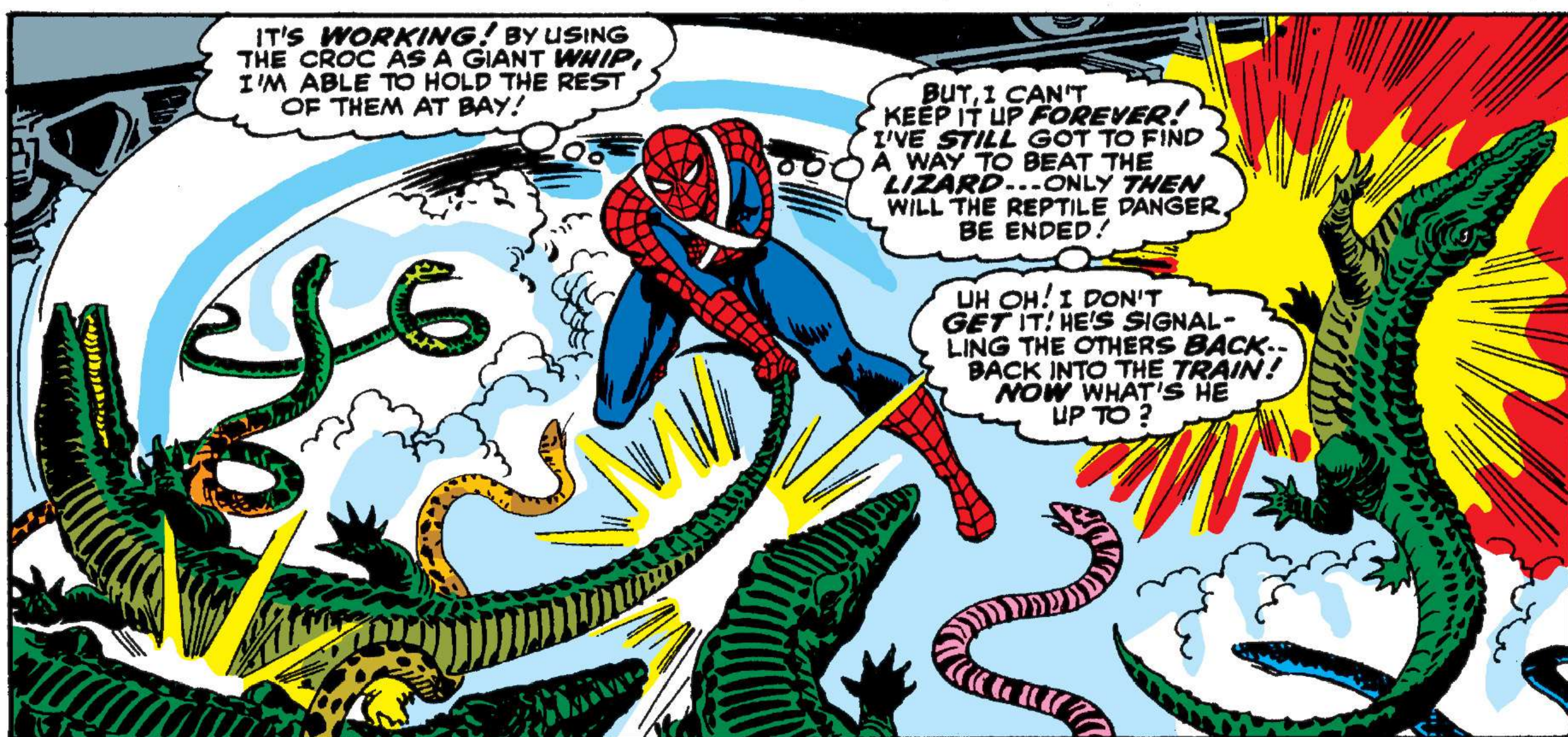
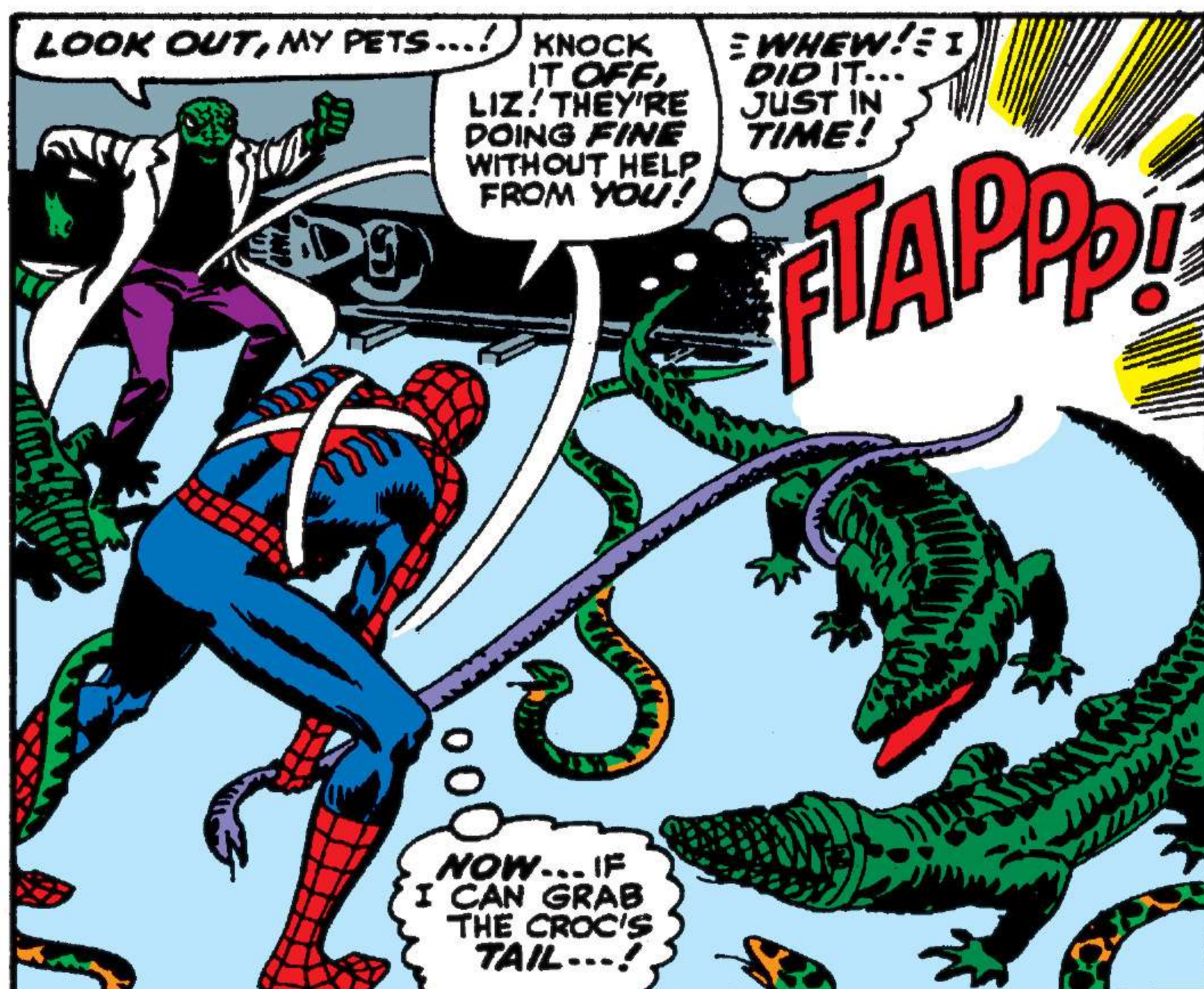
THE LIZARD MUST REALLY BE ENJOYING THIS!

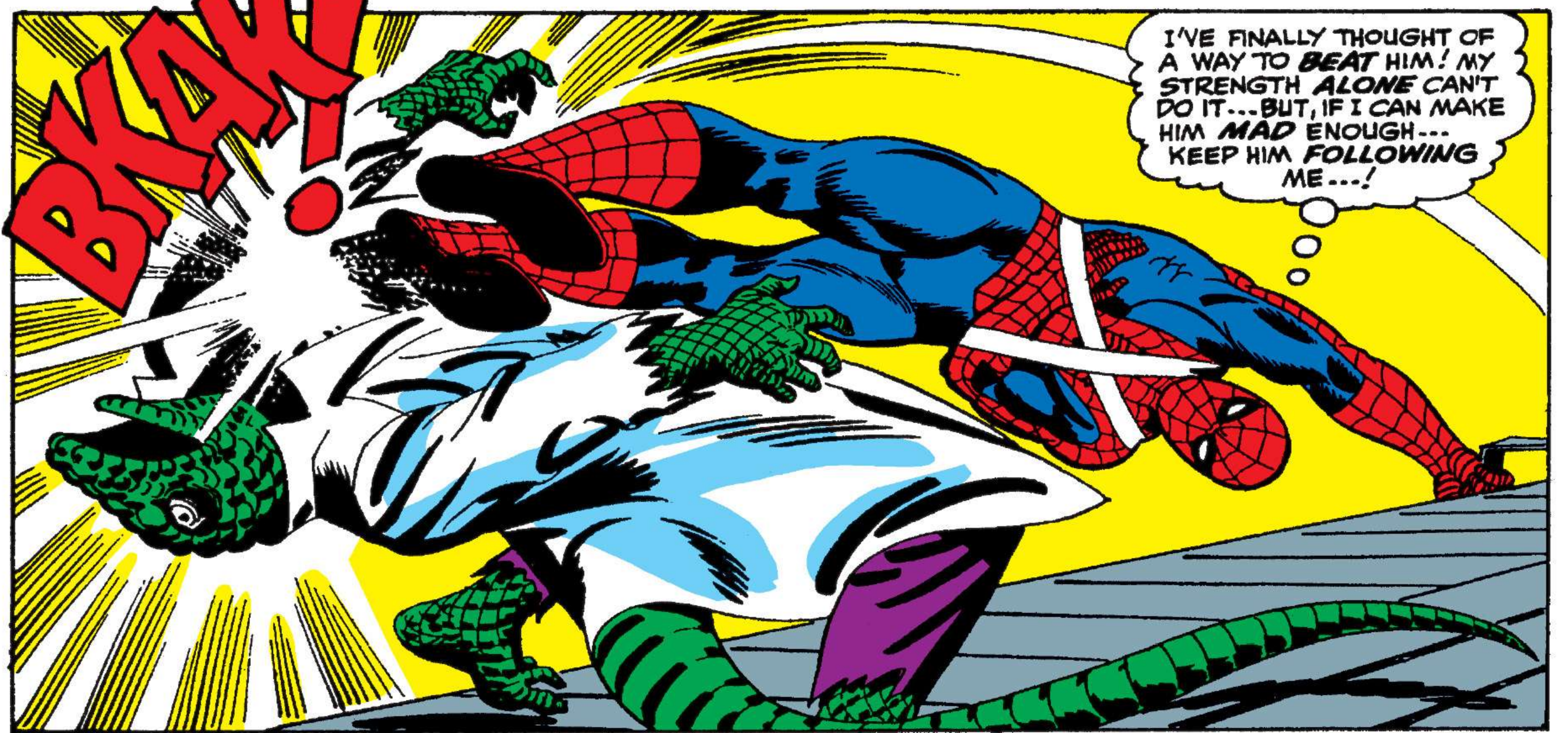
HE FIGURES THAT HE CAN'T LOSE! EVEN IF I MANAGE TO ESCAPE THE REPTILES, I'LL BE SO EXHAUSTED THAT HE CAN FINISH ME OFF IN A BREEZE!

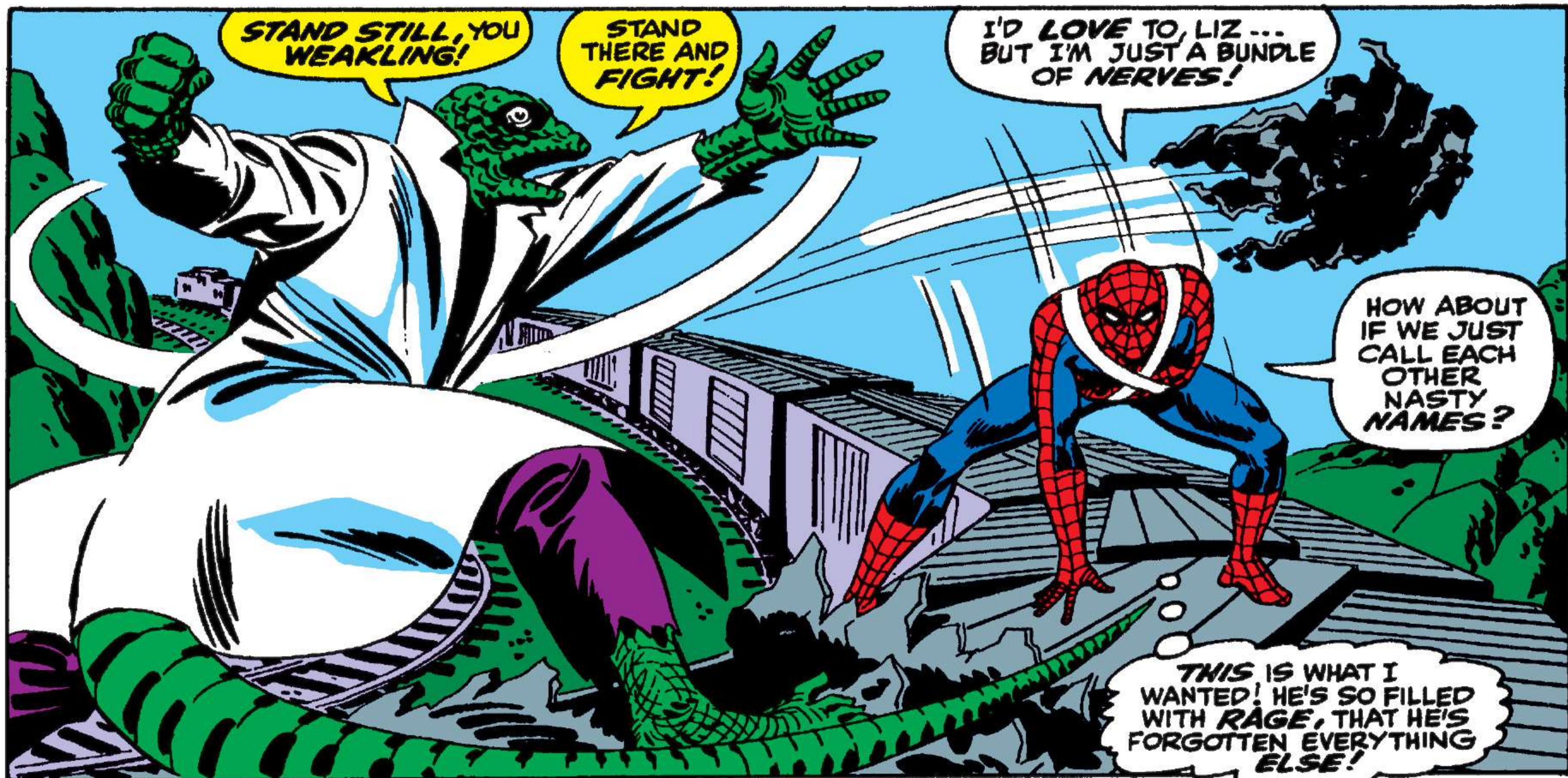


BUT, I CAN'T GIVE UP! THERE'S A LOT MORE AT STAKE THAN JUST THE LIFE OF ONE PART-TIME WEBHEAD!

MORE CROCS COMING! IF I CAN JUST DISLODGE THIS OVERGROWN EARTHWORM IN TIME...







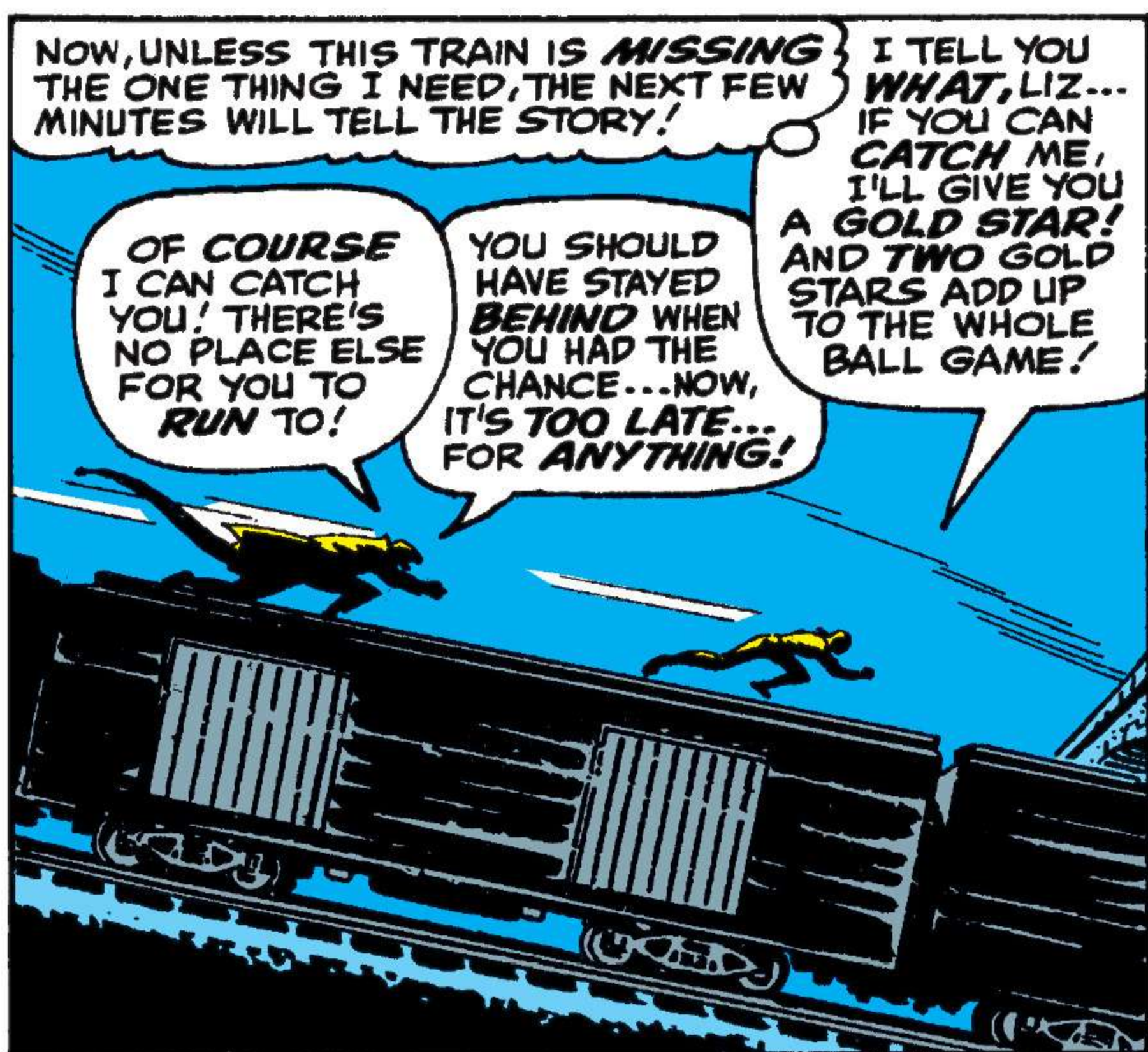
STAND STILL, YOU WEAKLING!

STAND THERE AND FIGHT!

I'D LOVE TO, LIZ... BUT I'M JUST A BUNDLE OF NERVES!

HOW ABOUT IF WE JUST CALL EACH OTHER NASTY NAMES?

THIS IS WHAT I WANTED! HE'S SO FILLED WITH RAGE, THAT HE'S FORGOTTEN EVERYTHING ELSE!

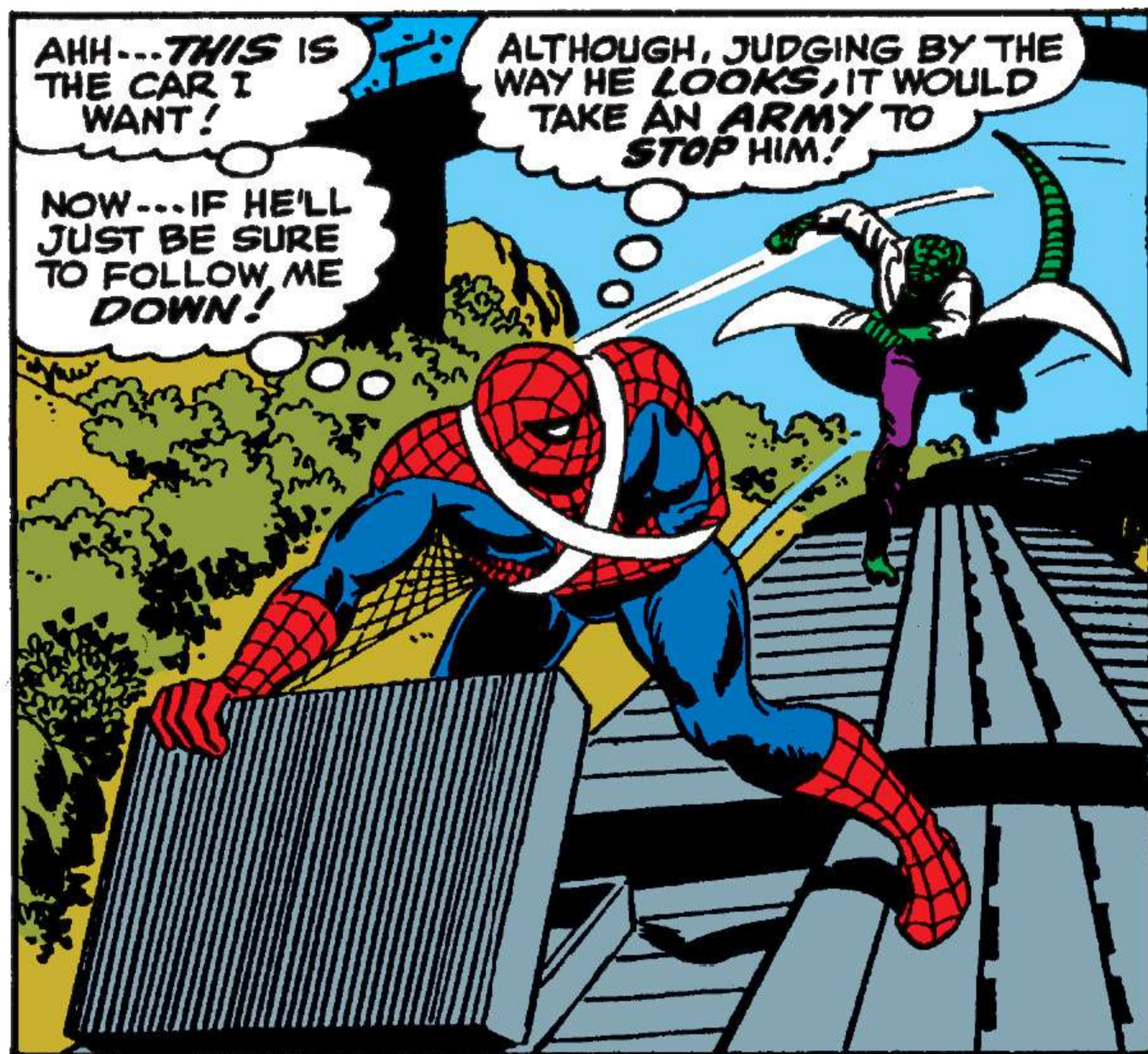


NOW, UNLESS THIS TRAIN IS MISSING THE ONE THING I NEED, THE NEXT FEW MINUTES WILL TELL THE STORY!

I TELL YOU WHAT, LIZ... IF YOU CAN CATCH ME, I'LL GIVE YOU A GOLD STAR! AND TWO GOLD STARS ADD UP TO THE WHOLE BALL GAME!

OF COURSE I CAN CATCH YOU! THERE'S NO PLACE ELSE FOR YOU TO RUN TO!

YOU SHOULD HAVE STAYED BEHIND WHEN YOU HAD THE CHANCE... NOW, IT'S TOO LATE... FOR ANYTHING!



AHH... THIS IS THE CAR I WANT!

ALTHOUGH, JUDGING BY THE WAY HE LOOKS, IT WOULD TAKE AN ARMY TO STOP HIM!

NOW... IF HE'LL JUST BE SURE TO FOLLOW ME DOWN!



YOU'VE OUTSMARTED YOURSELF AT LAST! I'LL NEVER LET YOU LEAVE HERE ALIVE!

I DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU'RE HIDING, BUT I'VE ALL THE TIME IN THE WORLD TO FIND YOU... AND THIS TIME I'LL FINISH YOU OFF... FOREVER!



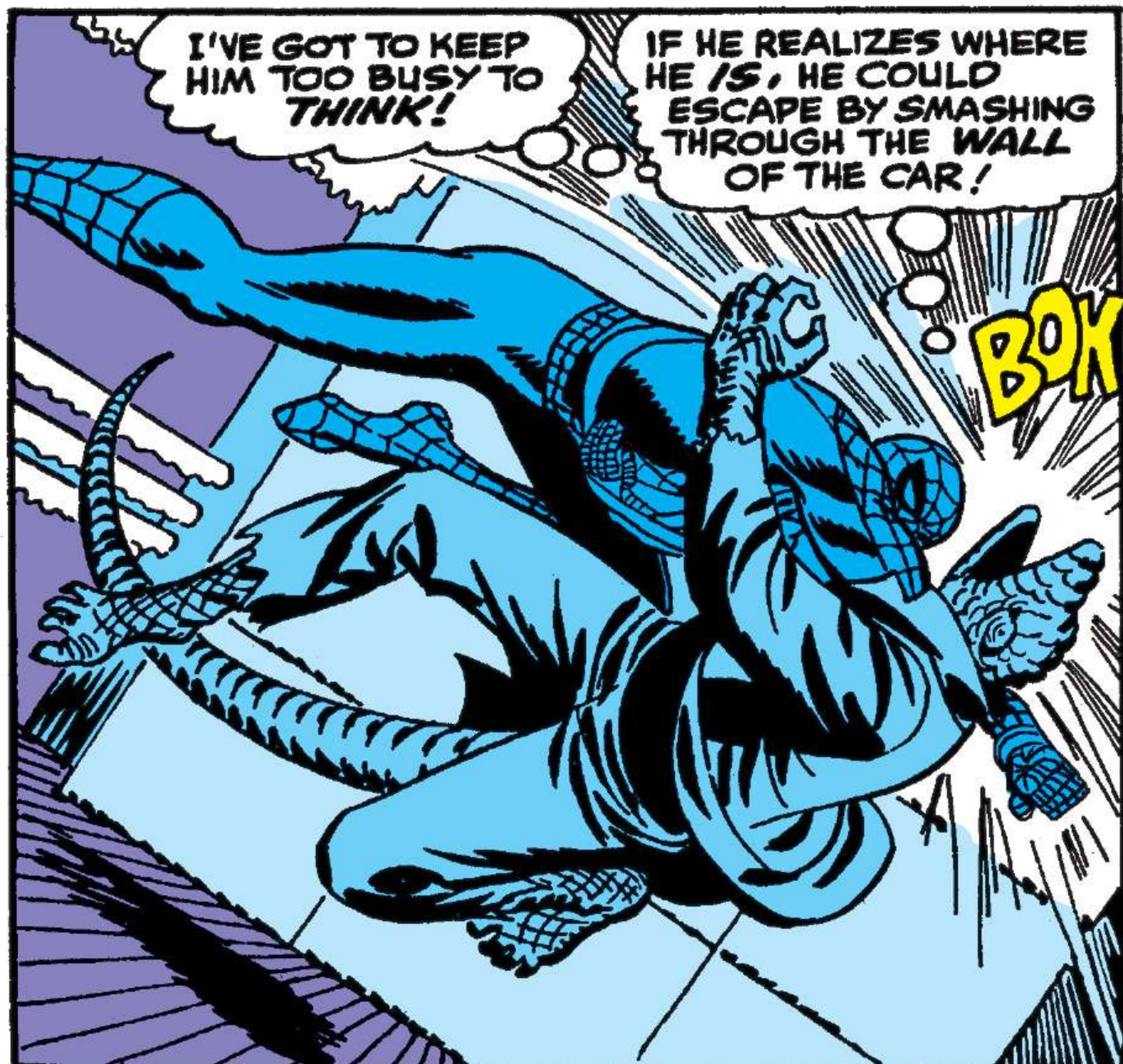
SLAM!

I'M RIGHT UP HERE BEHIND YOU... WAITING PATIENTLY LIKE A GOOD SPIDER-MAN SHOULD!

BUT, YOU'VE GOT ONE THING WRONG... IT'S YOU WHO'VE OUTSMARTED YOURSELF, NOT ME!

WITH THE CLOSING OF THAT LID... MY TRAP IS SPRUNG!

THIS IS MY LAST GAMBLE! IF IT DOESN'T WORK, I'M A GONER!



I'VE GOT TO KEEP HIM TOO BUSY TO **THINK!**

IF HE REALIZES WHERE HE **IS**, HE COULD ESCAPE BY SMASHING THROUGH THE WALL OF THE CAR!

BOOM!



EVEN THOUGH I CAN'T REALLY **HURT** HIM, MY PUNCHES CAN STILL DRIVE HIM BACK... KEEP HIM **GROGGY!**

I NEED ONLY A FEW MORE MINUTES! FOR ONCE, **TIME** IS ON MY SIDE!

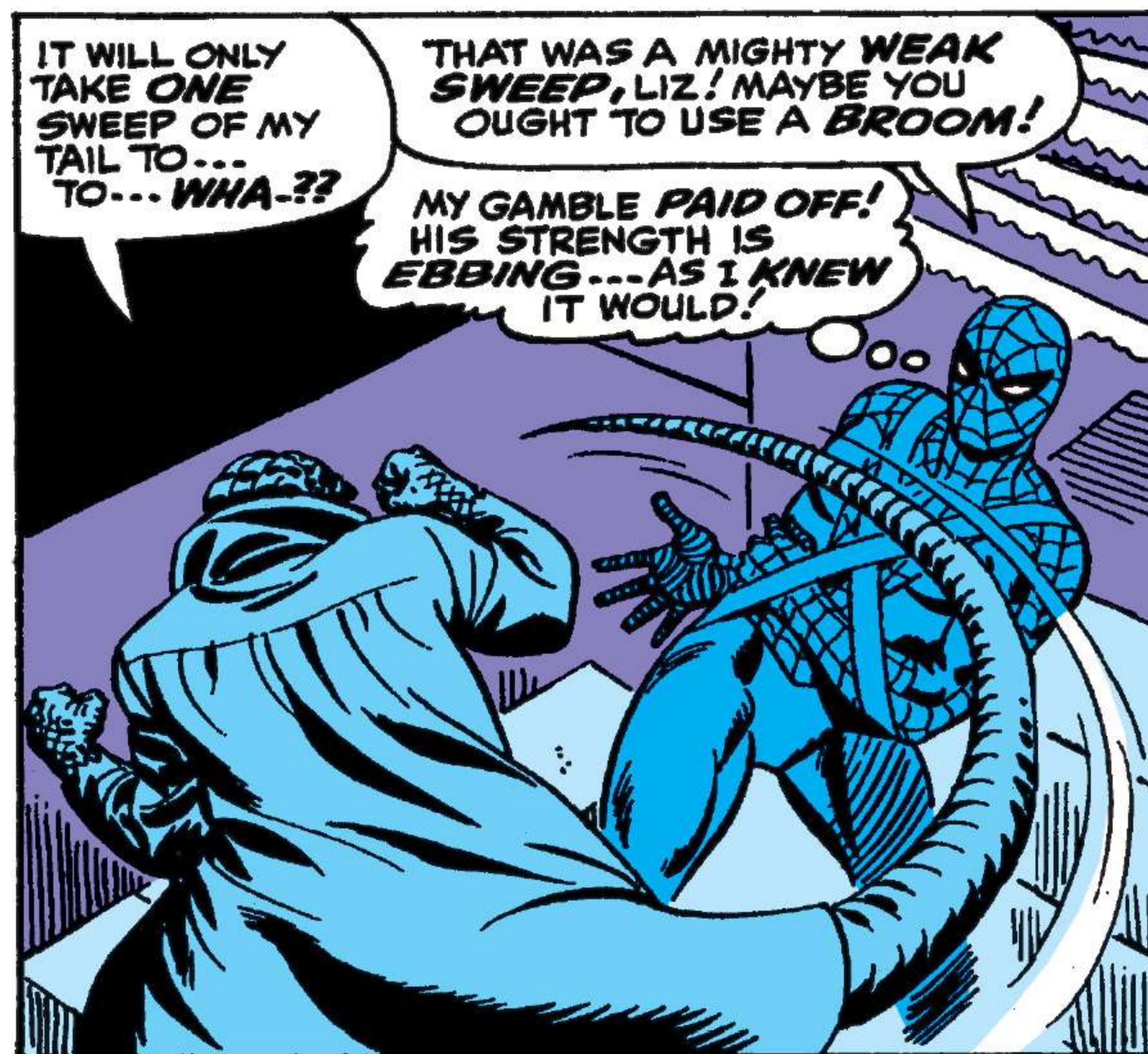
THRAK!



HE BROKE AWAY FROM ME! HE'S BRACING FOR AN **ATTACK!**

I CAN'T KEEP DODGING HIS TAIL AT SUCH CLOSE QUARTERS! THIS IS THE **PAYOFF!**

NEVER AGAIN WILL YOU STRIKE THE **LIZARD!** I'M GOING TO **DESTROY** YOU NOW!



IT WILL ONLY TAKE **ONE** SWEEP OF MY TAIL TO... TO... **WHA-??**

THAT WAS A MIGHTY **WEAK** SWEEP, LIZ! MAYBE YOU OUGHT TO USE A **BROOM!**

MY GAMBLE **PAID OFF!** HIS STRENGTH IS **EBBING**... AS I **KNEW** IT WOULD!



WHAT'S **HAPPENING** TO ME? I... I'M GROWING **WEAK**...

BUT, I'VE **STILL** GOT POWER ENOUGH... TO FINISH **YOU**...!

THINK SO?



I DON'T!

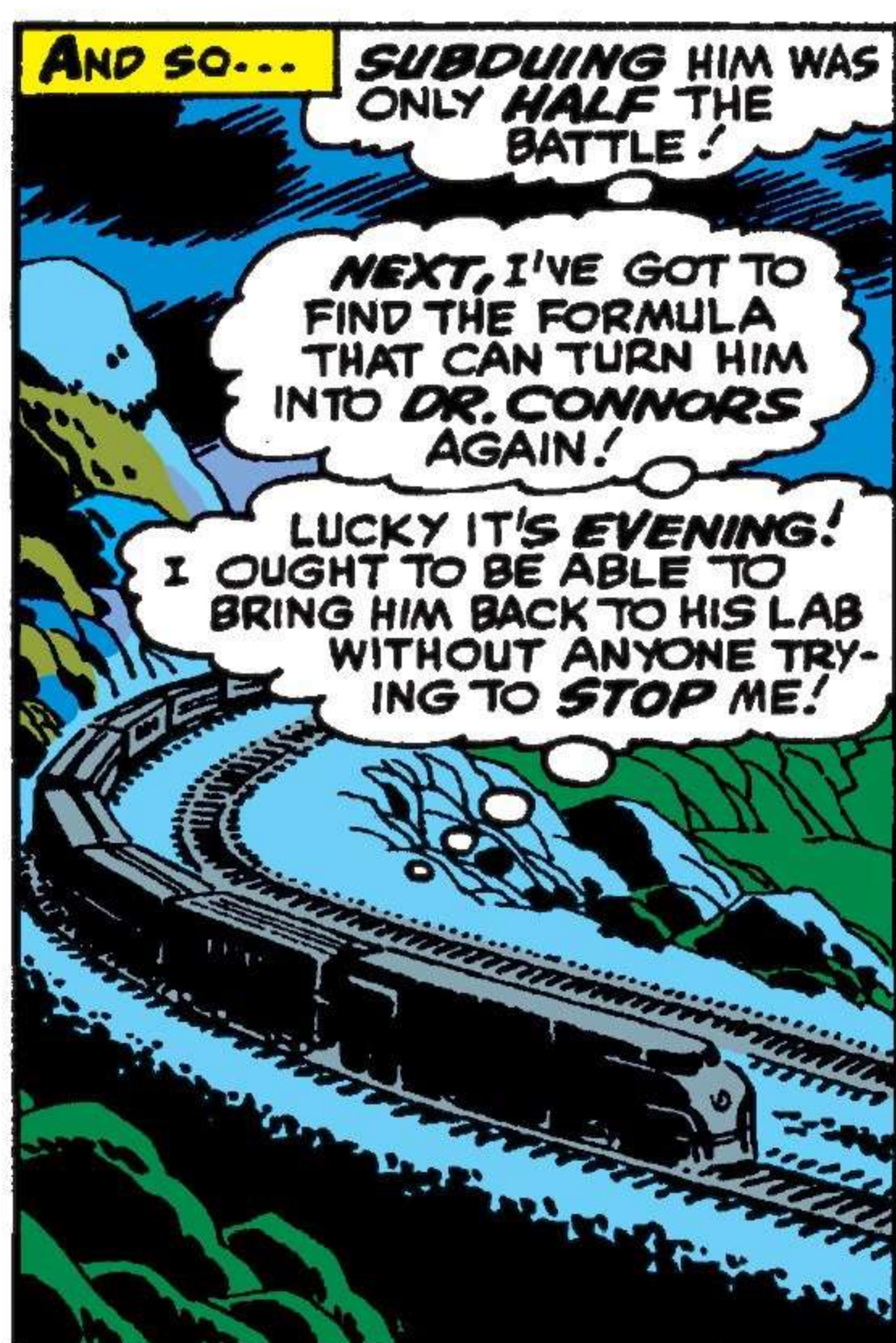
YOU FORGOT **ONE** LITTLE FACT... ONE FACT THAT MEANT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN **VICTORY**... OR **DEFEAT!**

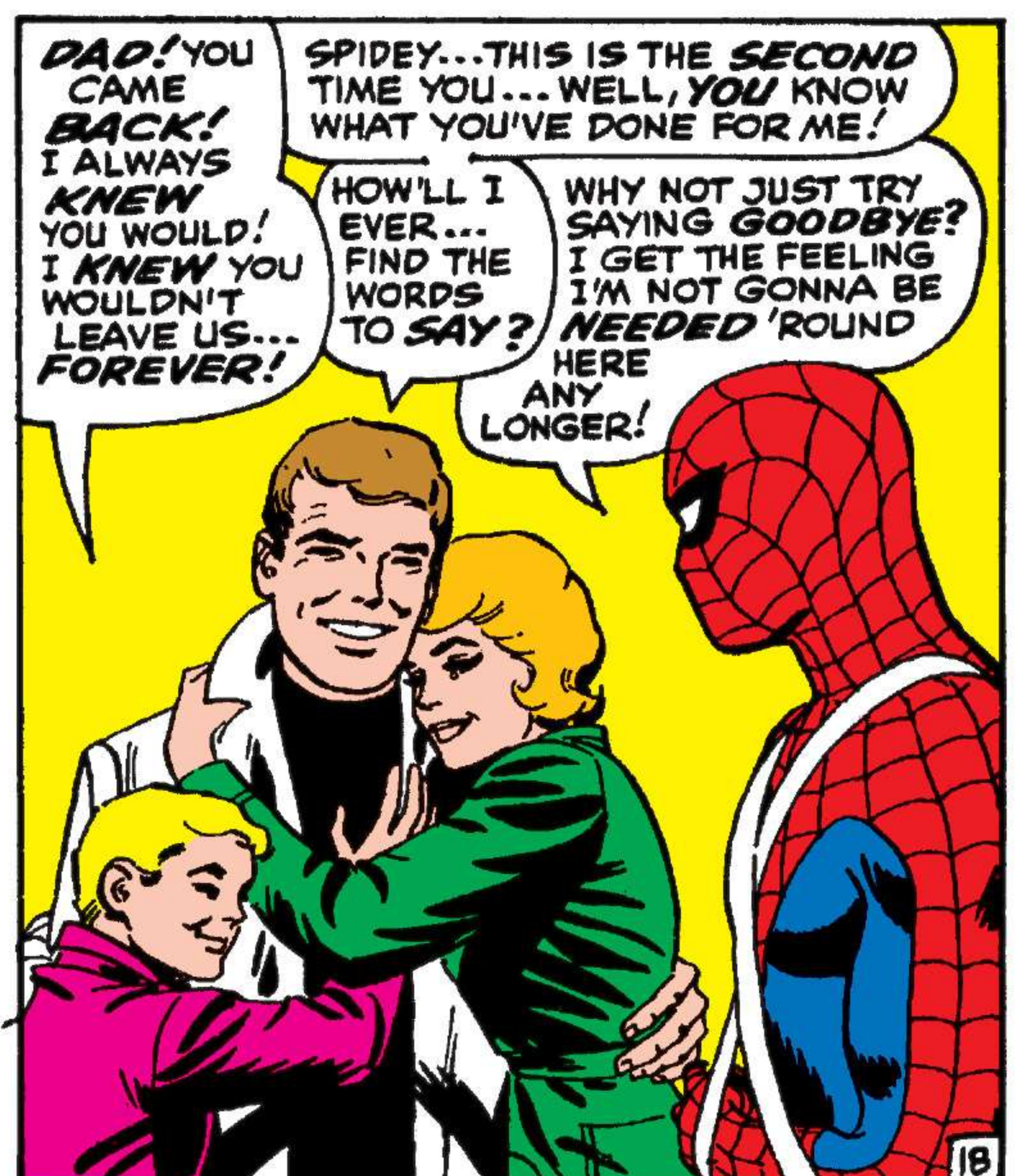
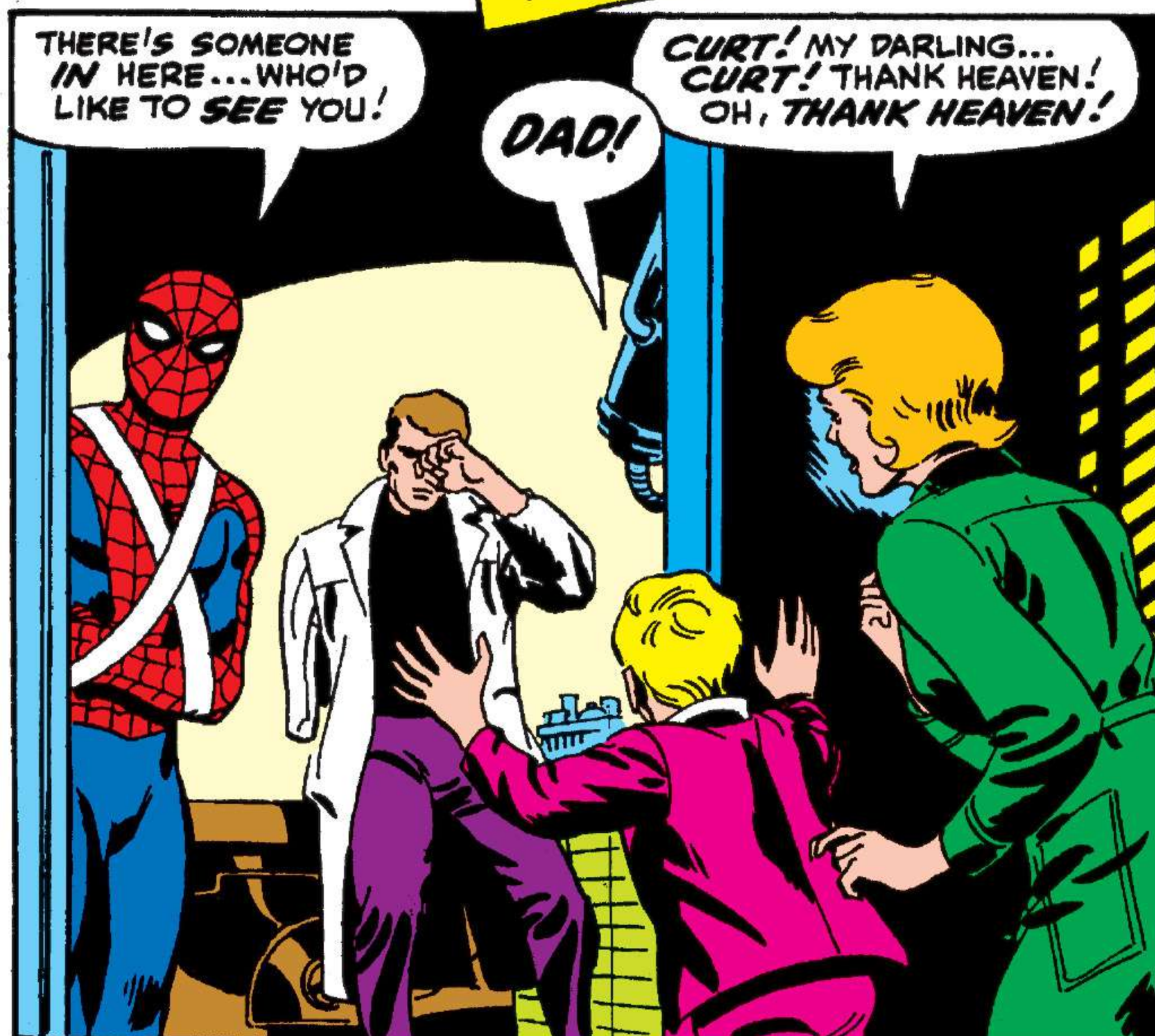
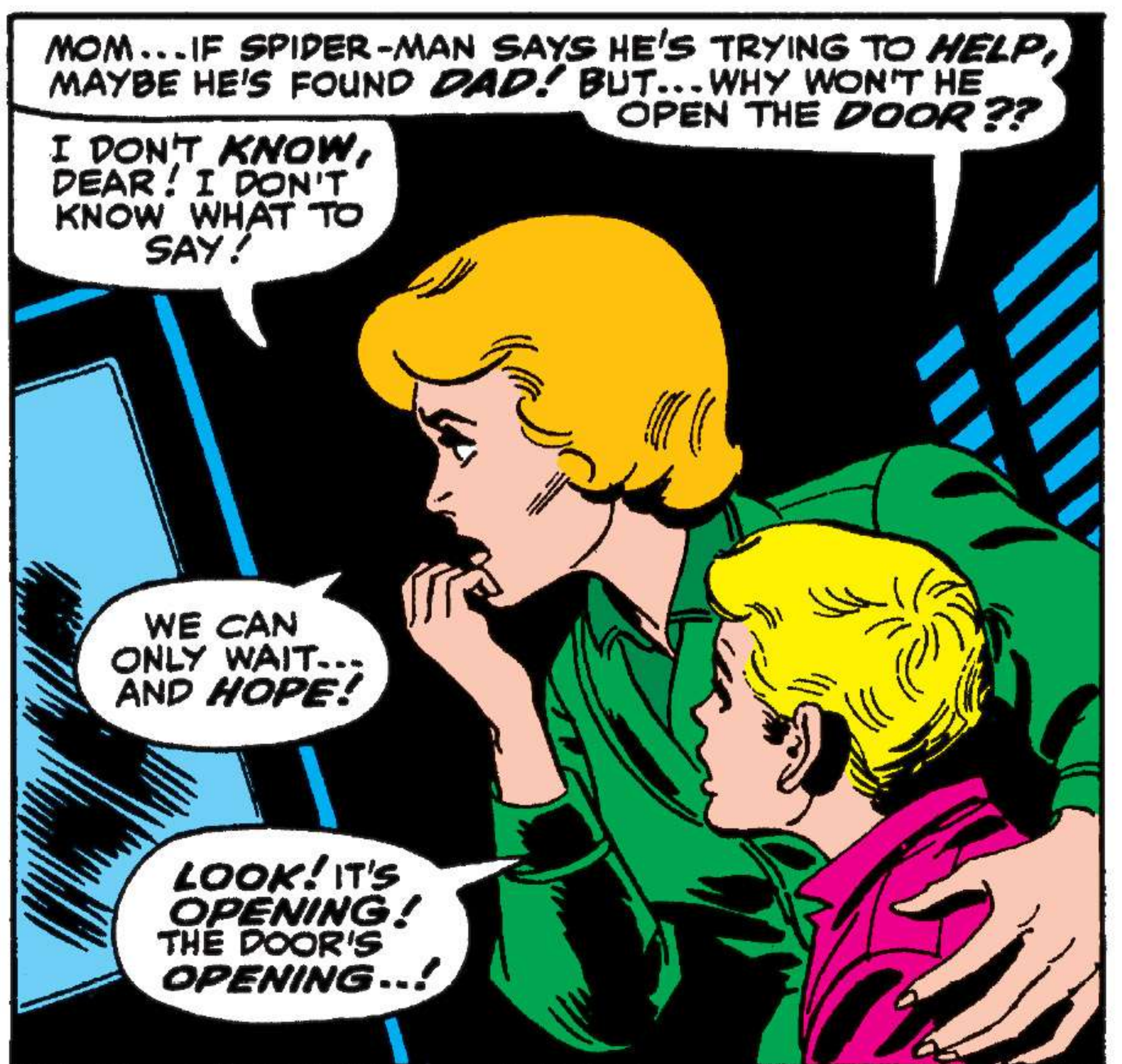
LIZARDS FLOURISH IN **WARM** TEMPERATURES...



BUT, **EXTREME COLD**, SUCH AS YOU'LL FIND IN A **REFRIGERATOR CAR**, IS THE ONE THING THAT WILL **WEAKEN** A BIG, BAD, LACERTILIAN REPTILE!

TSK! I WISH YOU WOULDN'T FALL **ASLEEP** WHILE I'M LECTURING YOU!





ANOTHER MIGHTY MARVEL FIRST! KNOWING HOW TITANICALLY TALENTED OUR RIOTOUS READERS ARE, WE'RE LEAVING THIS PANEL FOR YOU TO WRITE YOUR OWN DIALOGUE! IF YOU CAN GET SOMEONE TO PLAY HEARTS AND FLOWERS SOFTLY IN THE BACKGROUND, IT WON'T DO A BIT OF HARM, EITHER!



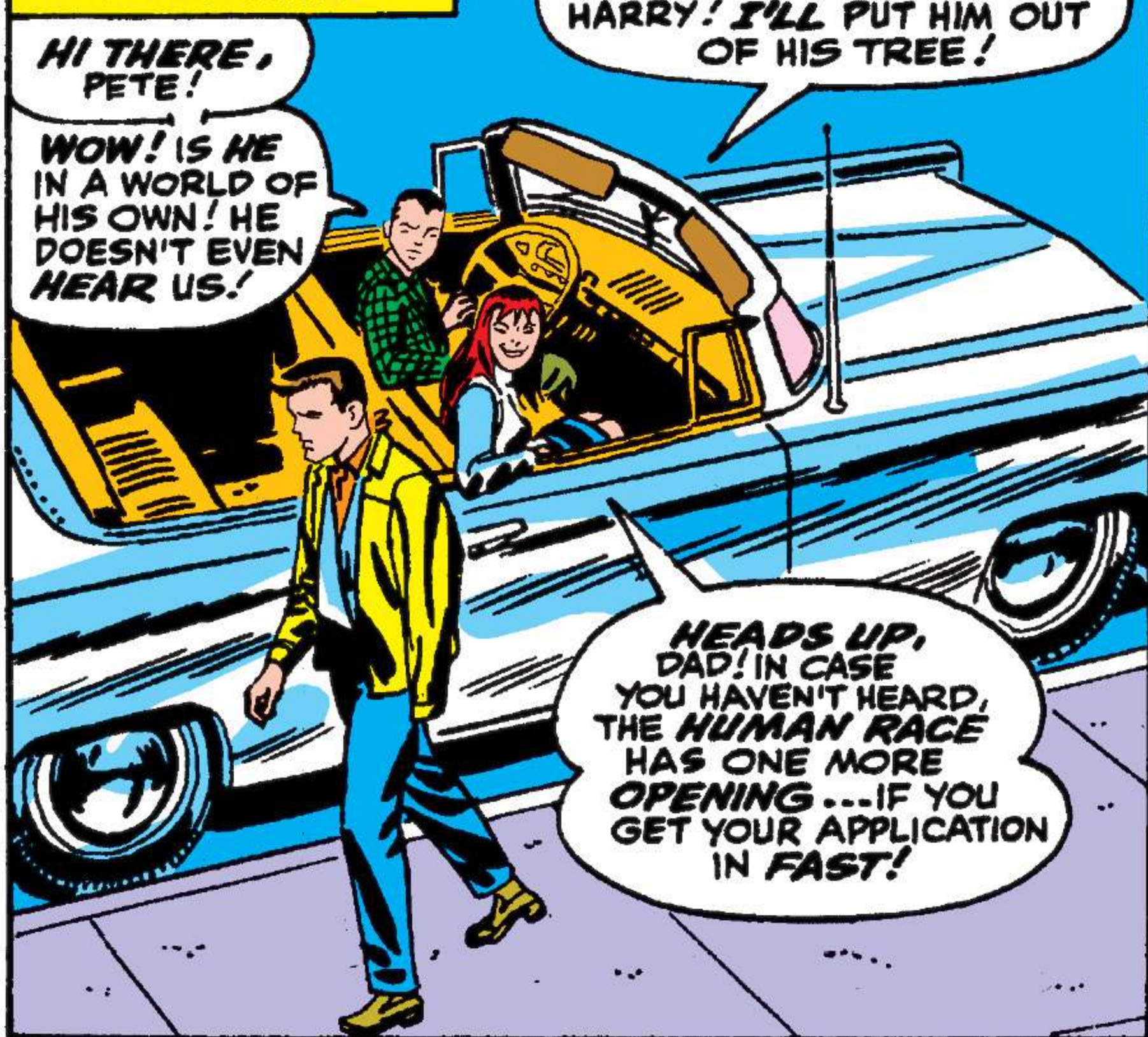
A SHORT TIME LATER, SPENT AND WEARY...ALMOST TO THE POINT OF EXHAUSTION... A THOUGHTFUL YOUTH SLOWLY, LABORIOUSLY STRUGGLES INTO HIS STREET CLOTHES ONCE MORE, AND THEN LISTLESSLY WENDS HIS WAY HOMEWARD...

I'M ALMOST SORRY IT'S ALL OVER NOW!

AT LEAST, WHILE I WAS FIGHTING THE LIZARD, I DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO THINK ABOUT MY OWN PERSONAL PROBLEMS...



MINUTES LATER...



HI THERE, PETE!

WOW! IS HE IN A WORLD OF HIS OWN! HE DOESN'T EVEN HEAR US!

LEAVE IT TO ME, HANDSOME HARRY! I'LL PUT HIM OUT OF HIS TREE!

HEADS UP, DAD! IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T HEARD, THE HUMAN RACE HAS ONE MORE OPENING...IF YOU GET YOUR APPLICATION IN FAST!



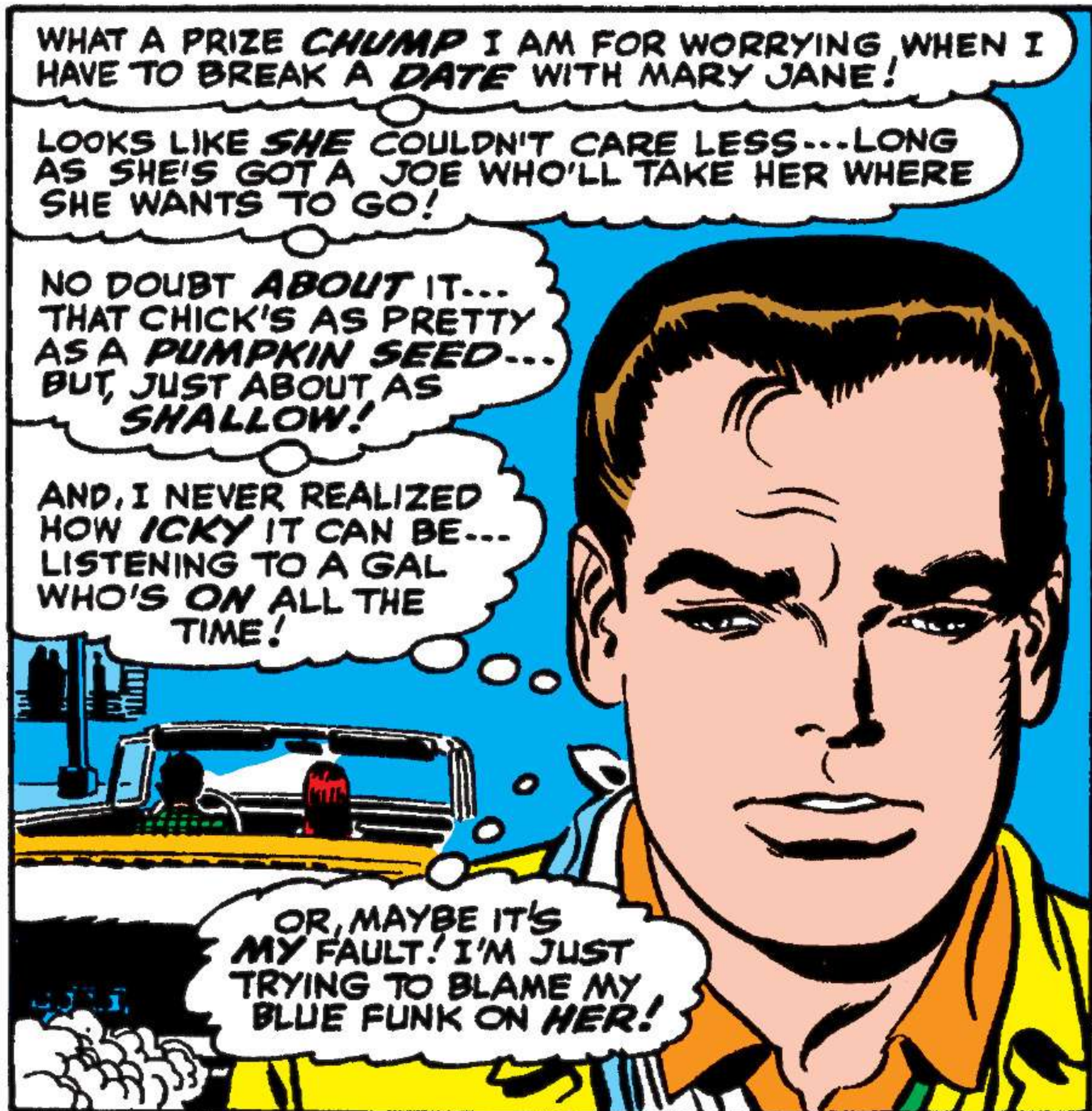
HMM? OH... HI, MARY JANE... AND HARRY! I, EH, MUST HAVE BEEN DAY-DREAMING!

DAY-DREAMING? TIGER, YOU WERE THE ORIGINAL ONE-MAN FOG! IF I DIDN'T KNOW YOU, I'D SAY YOU WERE STRICTLY OFF THE WALL!

CAN WE GIVE YOU A LIFT, PETE?

NO THANKS! I HAVEN'T FAR TO GO!

THEN REV'ER UP, HARRY BOY! SEE YA, PETEY... WE'RE WHEELIN' WHERE THE ACTION IS!



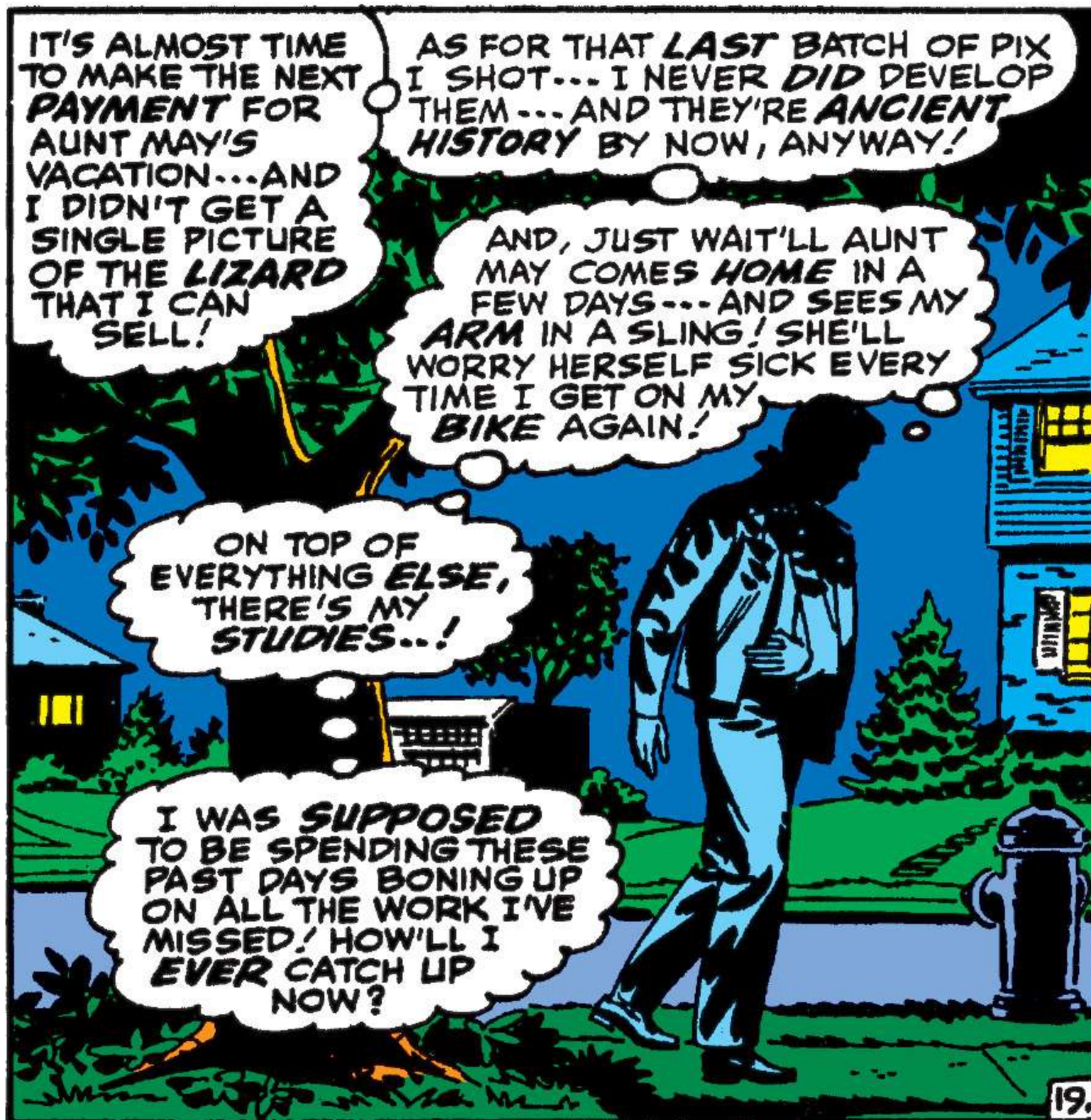
WHAT A PRIZE CHUMP I AM FOR WORRYING WHEN I HAVE TO BREAK A DATE WITH MARY JANE!

LOOKS LIKE SHE COULDN'T CARE LESS...LONG AS SHE'S GOT A JOE WHO'LL TAKE HER WHERE SHE WANTS TO GO!

NO DOUBT ABOUT IT... THAT CHICK'S AS PRETTY AS A PUMPKIN SEED... BUT, JUST ABOUT AS SHALLOW!

AND, I NEVER REALIZED HOW ICKY IT CAN BE... LISTENING TO A GAL WHO'S ON ALL THE TIME!

OR, MAYBE IT'S MY FAULT! I'M JUST TRYING TO BLAME MY BLUE FUNK ON HER!



IT'S ALMOST TIME TO MAKE THE NEXT PAYMENT FOR AUNT MAY'S VACATION...AND I DIDN'T GET A SINGLE PICTURE OF THE LIZARD THAT I CAN SELL!

AS FOR THAT LAST BATCH OF PIX I SHOT... I NEVER DID DEVELOP THEM...AND THEY'RE ANCIENT HISTORY BY NOW, ANYWAY!

AND, JUST WAIT'LL AUNT MAY COMES HOME IN A FEW DAYS...AND SEES MY ARM IN A SLING! SHE'LL WORRY HERSELF SICK EVERY TIME I GET ON MY BIKE AGAIN!

ON TOP OF EVERYTHING ELSE, THERE'S MY STUDIES...!

I WAS SUPPOSED TO BE SPENDING THESE PAST DAYS BONING UP ON ALL THE WORK I'VE MISSED! HOW'LL I EVER CATCH UP NOW?

